

# Preface

This book is unique. It combines a range of topics but actually zooms in on some of the most pressing aspects of food law, namely, those touching the lives of farm animals and wildlife within the food system. Each part of this book focuses on a distinct set of legal concerns, starting with a basic introduction to farm and food animal law. Cutting-edge insights into industrial animal agriculture are presented in part one and followed by an outstanding set of chapters on marine animals and fishing. Of special importance is the section on wildlife protection, where emerging legal trends in soil conservation and pollinator protection are explained in greater detail.

Topical considerations of this breakthrough book include:

- Animal Welfare and Food Safety Legislation
- Environmental Protection and Clean Energy Overlaps with Animal Law
- Industrial Animal Agriculture Regulations
- Antibiotics Use in Meat Production
- Marine Animal Regulation and (Over-)Fishing Legislation
- Zoologic Diseases and Food Safety Management Legislation
- Pollinator Protection Policies
- Habitat Loss, Agrobiodiversity, and Incidental Wildlife Losses
- Food Policy and Animal Welfare Legislation
- Regulation and Trade Law Issues Focused on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and Pesticide Use in Agriculture
- Global Issues of Environmental Integrity Within the Law
- Evolving Issues Around the World

The final section provides tools for change, by summarizing, consolidating, and illustrating the statutory frameworks, international treaties, and national laws that practitioners, academics, and anyone inspired by this book will find useful (and necessary) to affect positive change. This final section is a one-of-a-kind consolidation of legal tools, and it is important from an environmental and clean energy perspective because environmental and food lawyers and those implementing laws

need to know which tools are currently available to make a difference in food safety, animal welfare, and sustainable agricultural legislation and policy. The editors worked with a group from the Environmental Protection Clinic at the Yale Law School and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies to assemble the information for this section.

Lawyers can only make an impact in the globalized food production system if they have the proper tools and right priorities to affect change toward a more sustainable, safe, and animal-friendly food production system. With the herein proposed guide to international laws that touch upon the key issues, lawyers, regulators, administrators, and policy-makers around the world will have a reference point for the legal framework that is immediately available to be used to change the field of environmental and food law.

In an effort to make an impact and to help improve food systems, animal welfare protection, and environmental conservation, Food Law International LLP (FLI) started putting this book together. FLI was co-founded by Gabriela Steier and Kiran K. Patel, two attorneys from diverse professional backgrounds, with a passion for international environmental, animal welfare, food and agriculture and climate change law and policy within the context of sustainable food production. FLI's mission is the advancement and development of scholarship and interdisciplinary legal education on all aspects of international food law with the goal to promote environmental sustainability, public health, food safety, animal welfare, and social integrity. Co-founders Steier and Patel have cultivated a global network of authors who are advising and collaborating on FLI's projects and are committed to the same goals as FLI. This book is one of the ways by which FLI seeks to encourage positive change toward a more environmentally sustainable, climate change-resilient, kind, and responsible food system.

We hope this book will inspire conservation of biodiversity and natural resources and protection of animal welfare around the world.

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