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## **Prawne aspekty uboju rytualnego**

### **LEGAL ASPECTS OF RITUAL SLAUGHTER**

#### Summary

The aim of this paper was to present the relationship between the animals' welfare and their humane treatment and the ritual slaughter driven by religious views, and arising from it numerous legal issues. The analysis was made on the basis of the international, European and Polish law.

It has been concluded that ritual slaughter ought to be treated as a religious practice or tradition and be evaluated on the basis of the fundamental principles of the freedom of religion. However, some restrictions may nevertheless be implemented to protect morality and be justified by the universally recognised principle of humane treatment of animals. The current norms and regulations allow for the industrial-scale ritual slaughter which is an abuse of animals' welfare and their humane treatment. Any compromise in the aforementioned matter should be available only for religious minorities living in a particular country.