

Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the  
Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals  
used for scientific purposes (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 2*

**Stricter national measures**

1 Member States may, while observing the general rules laid down in the TFEU, maintain provisions in force on 9 November 2010, aimed at ensuring more extensive protection of animals falling within the scope of this Directive than those contained in this Directive.

Before 1 January 2013 Member States shall inform the Commission about such national provisions. The Commission shall bring them to the attention of other Member States.

2 When acting pursuant to paragraph 1, a Member State shall not prohibit or impede the supply or use of animals bred or kept in another Member State in accordance with this Directive, nor shall it prohibit or impede the placing on the market of products developed with the use of such animals in accordance with this Directive.