

ANNEX II

RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS

CHAPTER I

Intra-species recycling of fur animals

1. In Estonia, Latvia and Finland, the following fur animals may be fed with meat-and-bone meal or other products which have been processed in accordance with Chapter III of Annex IV and which are derived from bodies or parts of bodies of animals of the same species:
 - (a) foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*);
 - (b) raccoon dogs (*Nyctereutes procyonides*).
2. In Estonia and Latvia, fur animals of the species American mink (*Mustela vison*) may be fed with meat-and-bone meal or other products which have been processed in accordance with the processing methods set out in Chapter III of Annex IV and which are derived from bodies or parts of bodies of animals of the same species.
3. The feeding referred to in points 1 and 2 shall take place under the following conditions:
 - (a) Feeding shall only take place in farms:
 - (i) which have been registered by the competent authority on the basis of an application that is accompanied by documentation proving that there is no reason to suspect the presence of the TSE agent in the population of the species covered by the application;
 - (ii) where an appropriate surveillance system for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in fur animals is in place on the farm and includes regular laboratory testing of samples for TSE;
 - (iii) which have provided appropriate guarantees that no animal by-product or meat-and-bone meal or other products which have been processed in accordance with Chapter III of Annex IV and which are derived from those animals or their offspring may enter the food or feed chain of other animals than fur animals;
 - (iv) which have had no known contact with any farm with a suspected or confirmed outbreak of TSE;
 - (v) where the operator of the registered farm ensures that:
 - the carcasses of fur animals intended for feeding to animals of the same species are handled and processed separately from carcasses not authorised for that purpose,
 - fur animals fed with meat-and-bone meal or other products which have been processed in accordance with Chapter III of Annex IV and which are derived from animals of the same species are kept separate from animals not being fed with products derived from animals of the same species,

- the farm complies with the requirements set out in point 2 of Section 1 of Chapter II of Annex VI and point (2)(b)(ii) of Chapter II of Annex VIII.
- (b) The operator of the farm shall ensure that meat-and-bone meal or other products derived from one species and intended for the feeding of the same species must:
 - (i) have been processed in a processing plant approved under Article 24(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 and using only processing methods 1 to 5 or processing method 7 as set out in Chapter III of Annex IV to this Regulation;
 - (ii) have been produced from healthy animals killed for the production of fur.
- (c) In the event of any known or suspected contact with any farm with a suspected or confirmed outbreak of TSE, the operator of the farm must immediately:
 - (i) inform the competent authority of such contact;
 - (ii) cease the dispatch of fur animals to any destination without a written authorisation of the competent authority.