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Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom.

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.



4. Notification Number

1999/0547/UK

5. Title

Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill.

6. Products Concerned

Animals kept solely or primarily for slaughter for the value of their fur or for breeding progeny for such slaughter.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Bill will ban in England and Wales the keeping of animals solely or primarily for slaughter for the value of their fur or for breeding progeny for such slaughter. The Bill:

- provides a winding-down period at least until the end of 2002;
- makes provision for a compensation scheme on which the industry has to consult;
- provides for disputes over compensation to be settled by arbitration or the Lands Tribunal;
- will not ban the farming of rabbits, where the primary purpose is meat production, nor the production of fur and wool which can be clipped or shorn without slaughter.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published"

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The UK government believes it is wrong to keep animals solely or primarily for slaughter to exploit the value of their fur. In the UK government's view, fur farming is not consistent with a proper value and respect for animal life. Animal life should not be destroyed in the absence of a sufficient justification in terms of public benefit. Nor should animals be bred for such destruction in the absence of any such sufficient justification.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill and Explanatory Notes to the Bill.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality



No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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