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The Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Scotland) 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

Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department: Plants, Environment and Pollution Division.

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Scotland) 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

Not applicable

8. Main Content

The Bill will make it an offence to keep animals solely or primarily for slaughter for the value of their fur or for breeding progeny for slaughter. A forfeiture order may be made following conviction to allow the forfeiture, destruction or other disposal of animals. Authorised persons may carry out a forfeiture order and enter premises for that purpose. Authorised persons may enter and inspect premises where it is suspected that an offence under the Bill has been or is being committed. Scottish Ministers may establish a scheme for paying compensation to persons who incur specified losses as a result of the prohibition of fur farming. Finally, it allows for disputes regarding entitlement to compensation or the amount thereof to be adjudicated by the Lands Tribunal for Scotland.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Scottish Ministers believe it is morally wrong to keep animals specifically in order to exploit the commercial value of their fur, where the removal of fur entails slaughter of the animals. . The Bill will not prohibit the importation or sale of fur or fur products, nor will it prohibit the production of fur or wool that can be clipped or shorn without slaughtering the animal in question.

The Bill is necessary to prohibit the establishment of fur farms in Scotland (there have been no known fur farms in Scotland since 1993) and to prevent fur farmers in England and Wales (where a prohibition of fur farming is to be introduced) from using the absence of a prohibition in Scotland to relocate their businesses to Scotland.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Documents enclosed with this Notification

- (a) The Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Scotland) Bill
- (b) Explanatory Notes
- (c) Policy Memorandum.

Not applicable

Not applicable

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

Not applicable



13. Confidentiality

No.

14. Fiscal measures

No.

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