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Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill (Northern Ireland)

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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

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Northern Ireland)

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill (Northern Ireland)

6. Products Concerned

Animals kept solely or primarily 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 makes 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 in relation to the forfeiture, destruction or other disposal of animals. Authorised persons may enter and inspect premises where it is suspected that an offence has been or is being committed. A scheme may be established to pay compensation to persons who incur losses as a result of the prohibition of fur farming. Disputes regarding entitlement to compensation or the amount thereof may be adjudicated by the Land Tribunal in Northern Ireland.

The UK will fulfil its obligations under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when this Bill is officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland believes that it is morally wrong to keep animals specifically in order to exploit the commercial value of their fur, where the removal of their fur entails the slaughter of the animal.

While there are no fur farms in Northern Ireland, the Bill is necessary in order to prevent fur farmers in England and Wales from relocating or establishing businesses in Northern Ireland. (Fur farming will be prohibited in England and Wales with effect from January 2003).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- i. Documents enclosed are
 - (a) the draft Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill (Northern Ireland)
 - (b) the Policy Memorandum

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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