

The Fur Farming Regulations

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The Animal Products Act

TITLE AND INTERPRETATION

Title

- 1 These regulations may be cited as *The Fur Farming Regulations*.

Interpretation

- 2 In these regulations:

- (a) **“Act”** means *The Animal Products Act*;
- (b) **“fur animal”** means a domestically raised member of the species of:
 - (i) beaver having the scientific name *Castor canadensis*;
 - (ii) bobcat having the scientific name *Lynx rufus*;
 - (iii) coyote having the scientific name *Canis latrans*;
 - (iv) fisher having the scientific name *Martes pennanti*;
 - (v) fitch having the scientific name *Mustela furo*;
 - (vi) fox having the scientific name *Alopex lagopus*, *Vulpes velox* or *Vulpes vulpes*;
 - (vii) lynx having the scientific name *Lynx canadensis*;
 - (viii) marten having the scientific name *Martes americana*;
 - (ix) mink having the scientific name *Mustela vison*;
 - (x) muskrat having the scientific name *Ondatra zibethicus*;
 - (xi) racoon having the scientific name *Procyon lotor*;
 - (xii) red squirrel having the scientific name *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*;
 - (xiii) timber wolf having the scientific name *Canis lupus*;
 - (xiv) weasel having the scientific name *Mustela erminea*, *Mustela frenata* or *Mustela rixosa*;
 - (xv) wolverine having the scientific name *Gulo gulo*;

raised primarily for the harvest of its pelt;

- (c) **“fur animal product”** includes the carcass or any part of the carcass, including the pelt, of a fur animal;
- (d) **“fur farm”** means a location where fur animals are held for commercial purposes;

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- (e) **“licence”** means a valid and subsisting licence issued pursuant to these regulations;
- (f) **“named disease”** means:
 - (i) a reportable disease as defined in the *Animal Disease and Protection Regulations, Consolidated Regulations of Canada, 1978*, chapter 296, as amended from time to time; or
 - (ii) a disease designated by the minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act* pursuant to subsection 12(1);
- (g) **“pelt”** means the skin or hide of a fur animal;
- (h) **“person”** includes a partnership, an unincorporated association and a band within the meaning of the *Indian Act* (Canada);
- (i) **“trade”** means offer for sale, expose for sale, advertise for sale, sell, buy, barter, exchange, deal or solicit;
- (j) **“veterinarian”** means a veterinarian;
 - (i) employed by Agriculture Canada;
 - (ii) as defined in the *Animal Disease and Protection Regulations, Consolidated Regulations of Canada, 1978*, chapter 296, as amended from time to time; or
 - (iii) authorized by the minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act* pursuant to subsection 12(3) to conduct examinations of fur animals suspected of being infected with a named disease;
- (k) **“wildlife officer”** means a wildlife officer as defined in *The Wildlife Act*.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s2.

LICENCES

Licence required**3** No person shall:

- (a) establish or operate a fur farm; or
- (b) trade fur animals or fur animal products;

unless the person holds a licence.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s3.

Application**4** Every person wishing to obtain a licence shall:

- (a) submit an application to the minister in a form satisfactory to the minister;

(b) provide the minister with any information that the minister considers necessary; and

(c) submit with the application a fee of \$40.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s4.

Issuance

5 Where the minister:

(a) receives an application and fee pursuant to section 4; and

(b) is satisfied that the applicant has complied with the Act and these regulations;

the minister may issue a licence to the applicant on any terms or conditions the minister considers advisable.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s5.

Expiry and renewal

6(1) Unless renewed pursuant to subsection (2), a licence expires on December 31 of the year of its issuance or renewal, as the case may be.

(2) Where the holder of a licence pays a fee of \$40, the minister may renew the licence.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s6.

Suspension or cancellation

7(1) The minister may suspend, for any period that the minister considers appropriate, or cancel a licence if the holder of the licence fails to comply with:

(a) the Act, these regulations or any other regulations made pursuant to the Act;

(b) *The Animal Protection Act*; or

(c) any term or condition of the licence.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the minister shall not suspend or cancel a licence without giving the holder of the licence an opportunity to be heard.

(3) Where, in the opinion of the minister, it is in the public interest for the minister to immediately suspend or cancel a licence, the minister may immediately suspend or cancel the licence and, on the suspension or cancellation, shall give the holder of the licence:

(a) written notice of the suspension or cancellation; and

(b) an opportunity to be heard within 15 days of the date of the suspension or cancellation.

(4) The suspension or cancellation of a licence pursuant to this section is in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under any Act or law.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s7.

REQUIREMENTS

Obtaining fur animals

8 No person shall obtain fur animals unless those fur animals are obtained from a person who has been issued a licence pursuant to section 5.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s8.

Escape from captivity

9(1) Subject to subsection (2), no person who holds fur animals shall allow those fur animals to:

- (a) roam free;
- (b) escape from captivity; or
- (c) be released to the wild.

(2) Where a person who holds a fur animal wishes to release the fur animal into the wild and the fur animal, in the opinion of the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act*:

- (a) does not present a threat of disease to domestic livestock or wildlife species native to Saskatchewan;
- (b) does not present a threat to wildlife species native to Saskatchewan through habitat competition; and
- (c) does not present a threat to human health or safety;

the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act* may authorize a person to release that fur animal into the wild.

(3) Except in the circumstances described in subsection (2), every person whose fur animal escapes from captivity shall:

- (a) immediately make all reasonable efforts to restore the escaped fur animal to captivity; and
- (b) report the full details of the escape to a wildlife officer.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s9.

Import and export

10(1) Every person who transports, ships or exports fur animal products out of Saskatchewan shall obtain an export licence pursuant to section 30 of *The Wildlife Act*.

(2) Every person who proposes to introduce a new species of wildlife to Saskatchewan for the purpose of fur farming shall file a development plan with the minister, in the form required by the minister, listing design specifications of the proposed holding facilities for the species to be introduced sufficient to prevent a threat:

- (a) of disease to domestic livestock or wildlife species native to Saskatchewan;

- (b) to wildlife species native to Saskatchewan through habitat competition; and
- (c) to human health or safety.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s10.

Report of dead and diseased animals

11(1) Every person who imports a fur animal that dies within 30 days of its acquisition shall report that death to the minister.

(2) Every person who holds a fur animal that he or she:

- (a) knows or suspects is infected with a named disease; or
- (b) knows or suspects has been in contact with an animal infected with a named disease;

shall immediately report that fact to the minister.

(3) Every person who holds a fur animal that he or she suspects may have died from a named disease shall:

- (a) have the dead fur animal examined by a veterinarian; and
- (b) report the findings of the examination to the minister.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s11; 23 Aug 91 Errata.

Named diseases

12(1) The minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act* may designate a disease that presents a threat of epidemic in fur animals as a named disease.

(2) Where a named disease is designated pursuant to subsection (1), the minister shall cause that named disease to be published, as soon as is reasonably possible, in the Gazette.

(3) The minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act* may authorize a veterinarian to conduct examinations of diseased fur animals pursuant to section 11.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s12.

Quarantine and destruction of diseased animals

13 The minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act* may:

- (a) order the fur farm where a named disease is found to have infected a fur animal to be quarantined until they are satisfied that the disease is under control; or
- (b) order any fur animal that they believe to be infected with a named disease to be destroyed.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s13.

Care and handling

14 Every person who holds fur animals shall:

- (a) provide adequate feed, water and shelter for the fur animals;
- (b) handle the fur animals in a humane manner;
- (c) transport fur animals only in a covered vehicle; and
- (d) destroy fur animals in as painless and humane a manner as possible.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s14.

Enclosures

15(1) Every person who holds a fur animal in an enclosure shall ensure that the enclosure:

- (a) in the case of a coyote, is not less than:
 - (i) 120 centimetres in height;
 - (ii) 120 centimetres in width; and
 - (iii) 200 centimetres in length;
- (b) in the case of a fox, is not less than:
 - (i) for whelping pens in sheds:
 - (A) 1.1 square metres in area not including the nesting area;
 - (B) 0.76 metres in width; and
 - (C) 0.76 metres in height;
 - (ii) for outdoor whelping pens:
 - (A) 1.4 square metres in area not including the nesting area;
 - (B) 0.91 metres in width; and
 - (C) 0.76 metres in height;
 - (iii) for individual adult males or adult females without litters:
 - (A) 1.1 square metres in area not including the nesting area;
 - (B) 0.76 metres in width; and
 - (C) 0.76 metres in height;
 - (iv) for immature males or females housed individually:
 - (A) 0.84 square metres in area;
 - (B) 0.76 metres in width; and
 - (C) 0.76 metres in height;
 - (v) for immature males or females housed in groups of two or more:
 - (A) 0.74 square metres in area;

- (B) 0.76 metres in width; and
 - (C) 0.76 metres in height;
- (c) in the case of a lynx, is not less than:
 - (i) 120 centimetres in height;
 - (ii) 120 centimetres in width; and
 - (iii) 240 centimetres in length; and
- (d) in the case of a mink, is not less than:
 - (i) for individual males 9 months old or more or females with litters:
 - (A) 2 100 square centimetres in area, including nesting area; and
 - (B) 32 centimetres in height; and
 - (ii) for all mink other than the minks described in subclause (i) housed individually:
 - (A) 1 200 square centimetres in area, including nesting area; and
 - (B) 32 centimetres in height.
- (2) Every person who holds a fur animal that may be dangerous to the public shall ensure that the fur animal is held in an enclosure that:
 - (a) prevents the fur animal's escape; and
 - (b) provides for the safety and protection of the public.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s15.

Inspection

16 Every person who holds fur animals shall make those fur animals available for inspection by an inspector at all reasonable times.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s16.

Records

17(1) Every person who operates a fur farm shall maintain a permanent written record accounting for all:

- (a) births, deaths, purchases and transfers of fur animals; and
- (b) purchases and transfers of pelts;

on that fur farm.

(2) Every person who is required to maintain a record pursuant to subsection (1) shall ensure that:

- (a) the record maintained covers a period equivalent to the taxation year which applies to that person;

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- (b) the record is retained for one year after the expiration of the taxation year mentioned in clause (a); and
- (c) the record is available for inspection by an inspector at all reasonable times.

16 Aug 91 cA-20.2 Reg 6 s17.