

Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the
Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals
used for scientific purposes (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER III

PROCEDURES

Article 16

Reuse

1 Member States shall ensure that an animal already used in one or more procedures, when a different animal on which no procedure has previously been carried out could also be used, may only be reused in a new procedure provided that the following conditions are met:

- a the actual severity of the previous procedures was ‘mild’ or ‘moderate’;
- b it is demonstrated that the animal’s general state of health and well-being has been fully restored;
- c the further procedure is classified as ‘mild’, ‘moderate’ or ‘non-recovery’; and
- d it is in accordance with veterinary advice, taking into account the lifetime experience of the animal.

2 In exceptional circumstances, by way of derogation from point (a) of paragraph 1 and after a veterinary examination of the animal, the competent authority may allow reuse of an animal, provided the animal has not been used more than once in a procedure entailing severe pain, distress or equivalent suffering.