

ANNEX V

CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF INCREASED STOCKING DENSITY (as referred to in Article 3(5))

1. Criteria

- (a) the monitoring of the holding carried out by the competent authority within the last two years did not reveal any deficiencies with respect to the requirements of this Directive, and
- (b) the monitoring by the owner or keeper of the holding is carried out using the guides to good management practice referred to in Article 8, and
- (c) in at least seven consecutive, subsequently checked flocks from a house the cumulative daily mortality rate was below $1\% + 0,06\%$ multiplied by the slaughter age of the flock in days.

If no monitoring of the holding was carried out by the competent authority within the last two years, at least one monitoring exercise has to be carried out to check whether requirement (a) is fulfilled.

2. Exceptional circumstances

By the way of derogation from 1(c), the competent authority may decide to increase the stocking density when the owner or keeper has provided sufficient explanation for the exceptional nature of a higher daily cumulative mortality rate or has shown that the causes lie beyond his sphere of control.