

ANNEX III

REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOR THE CARE AND ACCOMMODATION OF ANIMALS

Section A:

General section

2. The environment and control thereof
 - 2.1. Ventilation and temperature
 - (a) Insulation, heating and ventilation of the holding room shall ensure that the air circulation, dust levels, and gas concentrations are kept within limits that are not harmful to the animals housed.
 - (b) Temperature and relative humidity in the holding rooms shall be adapted to the species and age groups housed. The temperature shall be measured and logged on a daily basis.
 - (c) Animals shall not be restricted to outdoor areas under climatic conditions which may cause them distress.
 - 2.2. Lighting
 - (a) Where natural light does not provide an appropriate light/dark cycle, controlled lighting shall be provided to satisfy the biological requirements of the animals and to provide a satisfactory working environment.
 - (b) Illumination shall satisfy the needs for the performance of husbandry procedures and inspection of the animals.
 - (c) Regular photoperiods and intensity of light adapted to the species shall be provided.
 - (d) When keeping albino animals, the lighting shall be adjusted to take into account their sensitivity to light.
 - 2.3. Noise
 - (a) Noise levels including ultrasound, shall not adversely affect animal welfare.
 - (b) Establishments shall have alarm systems that sound outside the sensitive hearing range of the animals, where this does not conflict with their audibility to human beings.
 - (c) Holding rooms shall where appropriate be provided with noise insulation and absorption materials.
 - 2.4. Alarm systems
 - (a) Establishments relying on electrical or mechanical equipment for environmental control and protection, shall have a stand-by system to maintain essential services and emergency lighting systems as well as to ensure that alarm systems themselves do not fail to operate.
 - (b) Heating and ventilation systems shall be equipped with monitoring devices and alarms.
 - (c) Clear instructions on emergency procedures shall be prominently displayed.