

ANNEX XIII

PETFOOD AND CERTAIN OTHER DERIVED PRODUCTS

CHAPTER V

Specific requirements for hides and skins of ungulates and products derived therefrom

A. Establishments and plants

The competent authority may authorise plants handling hides and skins, including limed hides, to supply trimmings and splittings of these hides and skins for the production of gelatine for animal consumption, organic fertilisers or soil improvers, provided that:

- (a) the plant has storage rooms with hard floors and smooth walls that are easy to clean and disinfect and, where appropriate, provided with refrigeration facilities;
- (b) the storage rooms are kept in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and repair, so that they do not constitute a source of contamination for the raw materials;
- (c) if raw material not in conformity with this Chapter is stored and/or processed in these premises, it must be segregated from raw material in conformity with this Chapter throughout the period of receipt, storage, processing and dispatch;
- (d) in the case of trimmings and splittings derived from limed hides, the trimmings and splittings are submitted to a treatment which ensures that no risks to public and animal health remain before being used for the production of:
 - (i) gelatine for animal consumption; or
 - (ii) organic fertilisers or soil improvers.

B. Placing on the market of animal by-products and of derived products

1. Untreated hides and skins may be placed on the market subject to the health conditions applicable to fresh meat pursuant to Directive 2002/99/EC.
2. Treated hides and skins may be placed on the market, provided that:
 - (a) they have not been in contact with other animal products or live animals presenting a risk of spreading a serious transmissible disease;
 - (b) the commercial document laid down in Chapter III of Annex VIII contains a statement indicating that all precautions have been taken to avoid contamination with pathogenic agents.

C. End point for hides and skins

1. Hides and skins of ungulates which pursuant to the decision of an operator are destined for purposes other than human consumption, and which comply with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 for raw materials for gelatine or collagen intended for use in food may be placed on the market without restrictions in accordance with this Regulation.
2. The following treated hides and skins may be placed on the market without restrictions in accordance with this Regulation:

- (a) hides and skins having undergone the complete process of tanning;
 - (b) ‘wet blue’;
 - (c) ‘pickled pelts’;
 - (d) limed hides (treated with lime and in brine at a pH of 12 to 13 for at least eight hours).
3. By way of derogation from point C.2, the competent authority may require that consignments of treated hides and skins referred to in point 2(c) and (d) are accompanied by a commercial document in accordance with the model set out under point 6 of Chapter III of Annex VIII, when they are supplied to establishments or plants producing petfood, organic fertilisers or soil improvers or transforming those materials into biogas.