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CHAPTER I

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF A HOLDINGS OR A COMPARTMENT AS APPLYING CONTROLLED HOUSING CONDITIONS

- A. The following requirements must be met by food business operators to obtain official recognition of holdings:
- (a) the operator must have taken all practical precautions with regard to building construction and maintenance in order to prevent rodents, any other kind of mammals and carnivorous birds from having access to buildings where animals are kept;
 - (b) the operator must apply a pest-control programme, in particular for rodents, effectively to prevent infestation of pigs. The operator must keep records of the programme to the satisfaction of the competent authority;
 - (c) the operator must ensure that all feed has been obtained from a facility that produces feed in accordance with the principles described in Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council (*);
 - (d) the operator must store feed intended for *Trichinella* susceptible species in closed silos or other containers that are impenetrable to rodents. All other feed supplies must be heat-treated or produced and stored to the satisfaction of the competent authority;
 - (e) the operator must ensure that dead animals are collected, identified and transported without undue delay in accordance with Articles 21 and 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**) and with Annex VIII to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 (***);
 - (f) if a rubbish dump is located in the neighbourhood of the holding, the operator must inform the competent authority. Subsequently, the competent authority must assess the risks involved and decide whether the holding is to be recognised as applying controlled housing conditions;
 - (g) the operator must ensure that piglets coming onto the holding from outside and pigs purchased are born and bred under controlled housing conditions;
 - (h) the operator must ensure that pigs are identified so each animal can be traced back to the holding;
 - (i) the operator may introduce new animals onto the holding only if they come from holdings also officially recognised as applying controlled housing conditions;
 - (j) none of the animals has access to outdoor facilities unless the food business operator can show by a risk analysis to the satisfaction of the competent authority that the time period, facilities and circumstances of outdoor access do not pose a danger for introduction of *Trichinella* in the holding.
- B. Food business operators of holdings officially recognised as applying controlled housing conditions shall inform the competent authority where any of the requirements laid down in point A is no longer fulfilled or where any other change has occurred that might affect the status of the holding.
- C. The competent authorities in Member States may only recognise a holding or a category of holdings provided that they have verified that the requirements laid down in point A are met.