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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes [1], and in particular Article 6(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) the Member States shall submit to the Commission reports on the inspections required in Article 6 of Directive 98/58/EC;

(2) the format, content and frequency of submission of the inspection reports from the Member States must be harmonised and it is important to collect information on the quantity as well as the quality of the inspections in order to evaluate if compliance with Council Directive 98/58/EC is ensured in the Member States;

(3) the results of those inspections are relevant for the Commission to submit specific reports to the Standing Veterinary Committee based on Article 6(2) of Directive 98/58/EC;

(4) the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Member States will submit to the Commission a report including the results of the inspections carried out in the field of the protection of animals kept for farming purposes.

2. In the light of the provisions of Article 6(3) of Directive 98/58/EC, the report will have to comply with the information specified in the Annex.

Article 2

The report will have to be presented to the Commission every two years, by the last working day in April and for the first time by 30 April 2002.

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For the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia the report will have to be presented for the first time by 30 April 2006.

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Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

[1] OJ L 221, 8.8.1998, p. 23.

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ANNEX

1. **Species or category of animals**

— Calves
— Pigs
— Laying hens

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2. **Table concerning the information requested for each species and category of animals based on the Annex of Council Directive 98/58/EC**

INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR EACH SPECIES AND CATEGORY OF ANIMALS

MEMBER STATE:		Year:		
Species and category of animal: ☐ Calves ☐ Pigs ☐ Laying Hens				
Number of holdings:			Number of inspections/ average:	
Kind and number of infringements			Number of legal actions taken in consequence	
Requirement	Definition (as Directive 98/58/EC)	Total number	Advice	Other sanctions
Staffing	Animal shall be cared by an appropriate number of staff who possesses the appropriate knowledge.			
Inspection	Animal shall be inspected at least once a day. Adequate light shall be available to enable the animals to be thoroughly inspected at any time. Animal which appears to be ill or injured must be cared for appropriately without delay. Where necessary sick or injured animals shall be isolated in suitable accomodation.			
Record keeping	The owner or keeper shall maintain a record of any medicinal treatment given and of the number of mortalities found at each inspection. For a period of at least three years.			
Freedom of movement	The animal must not be restricted in such a way as to cause it unnecessary suffering or injury.			
Buildings	Materials and equipment with which the animals may come into contact must not be harmful to the animals. No sharp edges or protrusions. Air circulation, dust levels, temperature, relative air humidity and gas concentration must be kept in limits which are not harmful to the animals. Animals kept in buildings must not be kept in permanent darkness or without an appropriate period of rest.			
Equipment	Where the health and well-being of the animals is dependent on an artificial ventilation system, provision must be made for an appropriate backup system to guarantee sufficient air renewal to preserve the health and well-being of the animals in the event of failure of the system, and an alarm system must be provided to give warning of breakdown.			
Feeding and other substances	No other substance, with the exception of those given for therapeutic, or prophylactic purposes or for the purposes of zootechnical treatment as defined in Article 1(2)(c) of Directive 96/22/EC [1] must be administered to an animal unless it has been demonstrated by scientific studies of animal welfare or established experience that the effect of that substance is not detrimental to the health or welfare of the animal.			
Mutilations	Reference to national legislation.			
Breeding procedures	Natural or artificial breeding or breeding procedures which cause or are likely to cause suffering or injury to any of the animals concerned must not be practised. This provision shall not preclude the use of certain procedures likely to cause minimal or momentary suffering or injury, or which might necessitate interventions which would not cause lasting injury, where these are allowed by national provisions.			

[1] Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of beta-agonists (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 3).