

Internal market: ban the placing on the market and the import or export of cat and dog fur and products containing such fur

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PURPOSE: to ban the placing on the market and the import to, or export from, the Community of cat and dog fur, and products containing such fur.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EC) No 1523/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council banning the placing on the market and the import to, or export from, the Community of cat and dog fur, and products containing such fur.

CONTENT: the Regulation was adopted by a qualified majority at 1st reading, the Italian delegation voting against. The Regulation aims to ban the placing on the market and the import to, or export from, the Community of cat and dog fur, and products containing such fur in order to prevent obstacles to the smooth operation of the internal market and to re-establish consumer confidence in the fact that the fur products they buy do not contain cat or dog fur.

In exceptional cases, the Commission may adopt measures enabling the placing on the market and the import to, or export from, the Community of cat and dog fur, and products containing such fur for educational or taxidermy purposes, stipulating the conditions under which such derogations shall apply. These measures, which aim to amend the non-essential elements of the Regulation, will be adopted in the accordance with the new regulatory procedure with scrutiny (comitology).

Member States shall inform the Commission of the analytical methods they use to identify the species of origin of fur by 31 December 2008 and subsequently whenever required in the light of new developments. The Commission may adopt – in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny - measures establishing analytical methods to be used to identify the species of origin of fur.

Member States shall report to the Commission on their efforts to enforce this Regulation. The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation, including customs activities, no later than 31 December 2010. The Commission's report shall be made available to the public.

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APPLICATION: from 31/12/2008