

The Fur Farming Regulations, 2017

Repealed

by [Saskatchewan Regulations 45/2024](#)
(effective July 1, 2024).

Formerly

[Chapter A-20.2 Reg 18](#) (effective January 1, 2018, except
subsection 17(1) effective January 1, 2021).

NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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CHAPTER A-20.2 REG 18

The Animal Products Act

Title

- 1 These regulations may be cited as *The Fur Farming Regulations, 2017*.

Definitions

- 2 In these regulations:

“**Act**” means *The Animal Products Act*;

“**fur farm**” means a location where fur farm animals are held for commercial purposes;

“**fur farm animal**” means a member of the following species, raised in captivity primarily for the harvest of its pelt and not for display and public viewing:

- (a) bobcat having the scientific name *Lynx rufus*;
- (b) coyote having the scientific name *Canis latrans*;
- (c) Eurasian lynx having the scientific name *Lynx lynx*;
- (d) fisher having the scientific name *Martes pennanti*;
- (e) fox having the scientific name *Vulpes vulpes*;
- (f) lynx having the scientific name *Lynx canadensis*;
- (g) mink having the scientific name *Neovison vison*;
- (h) timber wolf having the scientific name *Canis lupus*;
- (i) wolverine having the scientific name *Gulo gulo*;

“**fur farm animal product**” includes the carcass or any part of the carcass, including the pelt, of a fur farm animal;

“**licence**” means a valid licence issued pursuant to these regulations;

“**named disease**” means:

- (a) a reportable disease as defined in the *Reportable Diseases Regulations* (Canada), SOR/91-2; or
- (b) a disease designated by the minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act, 1998* pursuant to subsection 15(1);

“**pelt**” means the skin or hide of a fur farm animal;

“**trade**” means offer for sale, expose for sale, advertise for sale, sell, buy, barter, exchange, deal or solicit;

“veterinarian” means a registered member of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association who is in good standing and who is licensed to practise veterinary medicine in Saskatchewan;

“wildlife officer” means a wildlife officer as defined in *The Wildlife Act, 1998*.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s2.

Licence required

3 Unless that person holds a licence, no person shall:

- (a) establish or operate a fur farm; or
- (b) trade fur farm animals or fur farm animal products.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s3.

Application

4(1) Every person wishing to obtain a licence shall apply to the minister in a form satisfactory to the minister.

(2) On receiving an application pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may approve the application if:

- (a) the applicant pays a fee of \$500; and
- (b) the minister is satisfied that:
 - (i) the applicant has the ability to care for the fur farm animals in compliance with these regulations;
 - (ii) the fur farm at which the fur farm animals will be kept meets the standards set out in these regulations; and
 - (iii) the applicant has complied with the Act, these regulations and any policies that the minister has established with respect to fur farms.

(3) The minister shall cause any policies established for the purposes of subsection (2) to be made public in any manner that the minister considers appropriate, including by publishing them on the ministry’s website.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (2), the minister may require an inspection of the proposed fur farm in order to be satisfied that the conditions mentioned in that subsection have been met.

(5) If the minister does not approve an application for a licence, the minister shall provide the applicant with written notice of the decision together with reasons.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s4.

Issuance

5(1) Subject to subsection (4), the minister may issue a licence to an applicant if the minister:

- (a) receives the application and fee mentioned in section 4; and
 - (b) is satisfied that the applicant has complied with the Act, these regulations and any policies that the minister has established with respect to fur farms.
- (2) The minister may impose any terms or conditions that the minister considers appropriate on a licence issued pursuant to subsection (1).
- (3) No licence holder shall fail to comply with any term or condition imposed on his or her licence.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), no licence shall be issued for or with respect to Eurasian lynx other than to a person who:
- (a) on the coming into force of these regulations holds a licence with respect to lynx; or
 - (b) is a transferee of a licence that was originally issued to a person mentioned in clause (a).

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s5.

Transfer

6(1) It is a condition of every licence that the licence may be transferred only with the prior written approval of the minister.

- (2) On an application by a licence holder, the minister may approve the transfer if:
- (a) the licence holder pays a fee of \$500; and
 - (b) the minister is satisfied that:
 - (i) the person to whom the licence is being transferred has the ability to care for the fur farm animals in compliance with these regulations;
 - (ii) the fur farm at which the fur farm animals will be kept meets the standards set out in these regulations; and
 - (iii) the person to whom the licence is being transferred will comply with the Act, these regulations and any policies that the minister has established with respect to transfers.
- (3) The minister shall cause any policies established for the purposes of subsection (2) to be made public in any manner that the minister considers appropriate, including by publishing them on the ministry's website.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2), the minister may require an inspection of the fur farm at which the fur farm animals will be kept in order to be satisfied that the conditions mentioned in that subsection have been met.
- (5) If the minister does not approve a transfer, the minister shall provide the applicant with written notice of the decision together with reasons.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s6.

Expiry and renewal

7(1) Unless renewed pursuant to subsection (2), a licence expires on December 31 of the year of its issuance or renewal, as the case may be.

(2) The minister may renew the licence, if the licence holder:

- (a) satisfies the minister that he or she continues to meet the criteria set out in section 4; and
- (b) pays a fee of \$500.

(3) A person mentioned in subsection 5(4) who has a licence for or with respect to lynx and who holds Eurasian lynx may renew that licence.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s7.

Suspension or cancellation

8(1) The minister may suspend, for any period that the minister considers appropriate, or cancel a licence if the holder of the licence fails to comply with:

- (a) the Act, these regulations or any other regulations made pursuant to the Act;
- (b) *The Animal Protection Act, 1999*; or
- (c) any term or condition of the licence.

(2) The minister shall not suspend or cancel a licence without giving the licence holder an opportunity to make written representations.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), if the minister considers that it is necessary to act to protect the public interest, the minister may immediately suspend or cancel a licence without giving the licence holder an opportunity to make written representations, but shall give the holder of the licence:

- (a) written notice of the suspension or cancellation; and
- (b) an opportunity to make written representations within 15 days after the date on which the minister takes any of those actions.

(4) The suspension or cancellation of a licence pursuant to this section is in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed pursuant to any Act or law.

(5) Within 180 days after the cancellation or expiry of a licence:

- (a) the pelts of any remaining fur farm animals must be harvested; or
- (b) any remaining fur farm animals must be transferred or sold:
 - (i) within Saskatchewan, to a person authorized to hold that species of fur farm animal, including a licensed fur farm or a person licensed pursuant to *The Wildlife Act, 1998*; or
 - (ii) outside of Saskatchewan.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s8.

Fur farming - other native wildlife species

9 A licence holder may request that the minister permit fur farming with respect to a species of animal other than a fur farm animal if:

- (a) the animal is currently a native wildlife species in Saskatchewan; and
- (b) the licence holder files a development plan with the minister satisfactory to the minister in the form required by the minister that includes the following:
 - (i) design specifications of the proposed enclosures for the species to be farmed;
 - (ii) a description of animal care and welfare practices that will be used that meet an accepted standard;
 - (iii) information with respect to the source of the animals;
 - (iv) information concerning the commercial viability of farming the species.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s9.

Obtaining fur farm animals

10 No person shall obtain a fur farm animal unless:

- (a) the fur farm animal is obtained from a person who holds:
 - (i) a licence; or
 - (ii) both:
 - (A) a valid licence issued pursuant to subsection 4(2) of *The Captive Wildlife Regulations* for the purposes of clause 4(1)(a) of those regulations; and
 - (B) the written approval of the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act, 1998*; or
- (b) the fur farm animal is imported into Saskatchewan in accordance with section 13.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s10.

Prohibitions

11 No person shall:

- (a) display a fur farm animal for public viewing; or
- (b) hunt or permit hunting of fur farm animals.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s11.

Escape from captivity

12(1) Subject to subsection (2), no licence holder who holds fur farm animals shall allow those fur farm animals to:

- (a) roam free;
 - (b) escape from captivity; or
 - (c) be released to the wild.
- (2) Every licence holder whose fur farm animal escapes from captivity shall:
- (a) immediately make all reasonable efforts to restore the escaped fur farm animal to captivity; and
 - (b) report the full details of the escape to an inspector and to a wildlife officer.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s12.

Import

13(1) In this section, “**import restriction or protocol**” means an import restriction or protocol imposed by the minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act, 1998* pursuant to:

- (a) *The Diseases of Animals Act* and any regulations made pursuant to that Act; or
 - (b) *The Wildlife Act, 1998* and any regulations made pursuant to that Act.
- (2) The minister shall cause any import restrictions or protocols imposed by the minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act, 1998* to be made public in any manner that the minister considers appropriate, including by publishing them on the ministry’s website.
- (3) Without obtaining an import licence pursuant to *The Wildlife Act, 1998* and without complying with any import restrictions or protocols and unless the minister considers that it is not contrary to the public interest, no person shall import any of the following into Saskatchewan:
- (a) live fur farm animals;
 - (b) fur farm animal semen;
 - (c) fur farm animal embryos.
- (4) Every person who imports a fur farm animal that dies within 30 days after its acquisition shall:
- (a) immediately report that death to an inspector; and
 - (b) on request of an inspector:
 - (i) have the dead fur farm animal examined by a veterinarian; and
 - (ii) report the findings of the examination mentioned in subclause (i) to the minister.
- (5) No person shall import Eurasian lynx.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s13.

Transport

14(1) Every person who transports fur farm animals or fur farm animal products, whether or not for export, within Saskatchewan shall hold in his or her immediate possession at all times during the transport:

- (a) a copy of the licence issued to the licence holder with respect to the fur farm animals; or
 - (b) if the fur farm animals are being transferred or sold, a copy of the transfer or bill of sale that includes the following:
 - (i) the date on which the transfer or sale occurred;
 - (ii) the name and address of the licence holder from whom the fur farm animals or the fur farm animal products were obtained;
 - (iii) the name and address of the person to whom the fur farm animals or fur farm animal products are being transferred or sold;
 - (iv) a description of the fur farm animals or fur farm animal products, including species, product and amount;
 - (v) the signature of the licence holder from whom the fur farm animals or the fur farm animal products were obtained.
- (2) A person who wishes to obtain an export certificate from the minister for the purpose of transporting fur farm animals or fur farm animal products for export shall:
- (a) apply to the minister in the form required by the minister;
 - (b) provide the minister with any information that the minister may reasonably require; and
 - (c) pay a fee of \$50.
- (3) On receipt of the application, any required information and the fee mentioned in subsection (2), the minister may issue an export certificate to the applicant.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s14.

Named diseases and their control

- 15(1)** The minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act, 1998* may designate a disease that presents a threat of epidemic in fur farm animals as a named disease.
- (2) If a named disease is designated pursuant to subsection (1), the minister shall cause that named disease to be published, as soon as is reasonably practicable, in the Gazette and to be posted on the ministry's website.
- (3) The minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act, 1998* may authorize a veterinarian to conduct examinations of diseased fur farm animals pursuant to subsections (5) and (6).

- (4) The minister and the minister responsible for the administration of *The Wildlife Act, 1998* may:
- (a) order the fur farm where a named disease is found to have infected a fur farm animal to be quarantined until they are satisfied that the disease is under control; or
 - (b) order any fur farm animal that they believe to be infected with a named disease to be destroyed.
- (5) Every licence holder who holds a fur farm animal that he or she:
- (a) knows or suspects is infected with a named disease shall immediately report that fact to the minister; or
 - (b) knows or suspects has been in contact with an animal infected with a named disease shall immediately report that fact to the minister.
- (6) Every licence holder who holds a fur farm animal that he or she suspects may have died from a named disease shall:
- (a) have the dead fur farm animal examined by a veterinarian; and
 - (b) report the findings of the examination to the minister.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s15.

Care and handling

- 16(1)** No licence holder who holds fur farm animals shall fail to:
- (a) provide adequate feed, water and shelter for the fur farm animals;
 - (b) handle the fur farm animals in a humane manner; and
 - (c) maintain the fur farm animals in a manner consistent with *The Animal Protection Act, 1999*.
- (2) No licence holder who transports fur farm animals shall fail to transport the fur farm animals in a covered vehicle.
- (3) No licence holder who destroys fur farm animals shall fail to destroy them in as painless and humane a manner as possible.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s16.

Enclosures and prohibition

- 17(1)** Every licence holder who holds a fur farm animal in an enclosure shall ensure that the enclosure:
- (a) in the case of a bobcat or lynx, meets the standards specified for bobcats set out in E.A. Miller, ed, *Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation, 4th edition*, (2012), published by the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council;
 - (b) in the case of a fox, meets the standards for new or modified pens set out in the *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farmed Fox (Vulpes vulpes)* (2013), published by the National Farm Animal Care Council;

- (c) in the case of a mink, meets the standards for new or modified pens set out in the *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farmed Mink* (2013), published by the National Farm Animal Care Council; and
 - (d) in the case of a coyote, fisher, wolf or wolverine meets the standards specified for that species set out in E.A. Miller, ed, *Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation, 4th edition*, 2012, published by the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council.
- (2) No licence holder who holds a fur farm animal shall fail to ensure that the fur farm animal is held in an enclosure that:
- (a) prevents the fur farm animal's escape; and
 - (b) provides for the safety and protection of the public.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s17.

Inspection

18 Every licence holder who holds fur farm animals shall make those fur farm animals available for inspection by an inspector at all reasonable times.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s18.

Records

19(1) Every licence holder who operates a fur farm shall maintain for that fur farm a written record that complies with this section with respect to that fur farm accounting for all:

- (a) births, deaths, purchases, transfers and sales of fur farm animals; and
 - (b) purchases, transfers and sales of fur farm animal products.
- (2) Every licence holder shall ensure that the record maintained pursuant to subsection (1):
- (a) covers a period equivalent to the taxation year that applies to that person;
 - (b) is retained for 1 year after the expiration of the taxation year mentioned in clause (a); and
 - (c) is available for inspection by an inspector at all reasonable times.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s19.

RSS c A-20.2 Reg 6 repealed

20 *The Fur Farming Regulations* are repealed.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s20.

Coming into force

21(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), these regulations come into force on January 1, 2018.

(2) Subsection 17(1) comes into force on January 1, 2021.

(3) If these regulations are filed with the Registrar of Regulations after January 1, 2018, sections 1 to 16, subsection 17(2) and sections 18 to 20 come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

15 Dec 2017 cA-20.2 Reg 18 s21.

