

# **Implementing Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm**

## **Chapter I General Principles**

**Article 1** In order to promote the orderly development of domestic farmed fur animals farming sector (mainly mink, foxes, and raccoon), improve the level of farming and animal welfare of this sector, and promote the internationally positive image of Chinese farmed fur animals farming industry, Specialized Committee for farmed fur animals Farming, China Leather Industry Association, (hereinafter referred to as "Breeders Commission of CLIA"), in accordance with forestry-industrial standard of the People's Republic of China, *Technical Specifications for Raising, Breeding and utilizing Mink, Foxes and Raccoon, Administrative Measures of License for Production and Operation of the Breeding Livestock and and Poultry* issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and assessment criteria for international advanced animal welfare, have specially formulated the rules.

**Article 2** Certification for international animal welfare (mink / foxes / raccoon) demonstration farm (hereinafter referred to as "demonstration farm") shall adhere to the principles of publicity, equality, equity and voluntary declaration of fur economic animal farms.

**Article 3** Any farm which has been engaged in farmed fur animals farming in China for more than two years, with a certain farming scale and administrative license qualification of farming, may actively apply for the honorary title of demonstration farm.

**Article 4** According to the industrial characteristics and enterprise needs, the

demonstration farm shall be named after "International Animal Welfare (Mink) Demonstration Farm", "International Animal Welfare (Foxes) Demonstration Farm" and "International Animal Welfare (Raccoon) Demonstration Farm".

## **Chapter II Organizations and Their Responsibilities of Certification for Demonstration Farm**

**Article 5** The certification of demonstration farms shall be completed jointly by relevant organizations such as the China Leather Industry Association, the International Fur Federation (hereinafter referred to as IFF) and the local breeding associations.

**Article 6** The China Leather Industry Association shall be responsible for coordinating the certification of demonstration farms across the country, and shall be responsible for regulation formulation, implementation organization, supervision management and title granting, etc.. Its main responsibilities are as follows:

(1) Responsible for formulation and revision of relevant documents such as *Specifications for Breeding and Utilizing Mink, Foxes and Raccoon, Implementation Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink, Foxes, Raccoon) Demonstration Farm* and *Grading Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink, Foxes, Raccoon) Demonstration Farm* etc..

(2) Responsible for guidance, supervision and management of certification for demonstration farms.

(3) Responsible for establishment of experts database for demonstration farm certification.

(4) Responsible for accepting reports and complaints concerning certification of

demonstration farms.

(5) Responsible for granting the honorary title of demonstration farm.

**Article 7** Breeding Commission of China Leather Industry Association shall be responsible for the certification of national demonstration farms and its specific duties shall be:

(1) Responsible for promotion, implementation and training of relevant standards and documents, such as *Specifications for Breeding and Utilizing Mink, Foxes and Raccoon, Implementation Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm* and *Grading Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm* etc..

(2) To direct and review the application documents filled by farms, and seek the opinions of the local associations or relevant organizations over the farms.

(3) Determine whether to accept the declaration of farm certification.

(4) Organize the on-site examination of the expert group.

(5) Submit grading rules for certification by assessment expert group.

(6) Submit the request report of the title to be awarded of demonstration farm.

(7) Review of demonstration farm certification.

**Article 8** Local breeding associations and relevant organizations at all levels

shall be responsible for recommending the declaration of demonstration farms.

**Article 9** The expert group shall be responsible for independent on-site examination of demonstration farms. It shall accept the commission of Breeding Commission of CLIA and carry out on-site examination of the farm applied and issue grading rules of certification by the expert group submitted to the Commission for final judgment of the CLIA.

### **Chapter III Scoring Mode of Demonstration Farm**

**Article 10** According to *Specifications for Breeding and Utilizing Mink, Foxes and Raccoon and Grading Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm*, certification for demonstration farms shall adopt the score system, with a maximum score of 200, and respectively review animal welfare level, site selection, personnel requirement, construction of provenance site, breeding management, health and epidemic prevention, execution and fur-taking and processing, environmental protection, information management of archives, technical services, etc. of farms.

**Article 11** Demonstration farm quantification conditions: According to the actual assessment of the applied farms, the farm with a final score of more than 180 points shall be entitled to the title of "International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm".

### **Chapter IV Certification Process of Demonstration Farm**

#### **Article 12 Declaration**

(1) Download the application materials from China Leather Industry Association ([www.chinaleather.org](http://www.chinaleather.org)) .

(2) Fur economic animal farm shall at first make a self-evaluation by referring

to *Specifications for Breeding and Utilizing Mink, Foxes and Raccoon* and *Implementation Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink, Foxes, Raccoon) Demonstration Farmand* then make a decision of the type of demonstration farm it declares. Submit an electronic version of *Declaration of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm*.

### **Article 13 Acceptance**

(1) After receiving the materials, the Breeding Commission of CLIA shall conduct the form review, and shall not accept the application if the form review is unqualified. It shall seek the opinions of the local associations and relevant organizations for the qualified enterprises. According to the opinions of each party, after repeated communication and consultation with the farm, the Commission shall inform the farm whether it could submit the paper materials for acceptance.

(2) After receiving the paper declaration materials, the Breeding Commission of CLIA shall make a reply within 15 working days.

### **Article 14 Examination**

Within 30 working days after receiving the application, Breeding Commission of CLIA shall randomly select relevant experts from assessment experts database to form an expert group for carrying out on-the-spot examination, and the appraisers generally are made up of 6 people, including 2 people from China leather industry association and 4 experts. However, the following experts should be avoided.

- (1) Responsible person or close relatives of the farm assessed.
- (2) A person who has other social or economic interests with the farm

assessed and may affect an impartial review.

The expert group shall assess and score according to *Specifications for Breeding and Utilizing Mink, Foxes and Raccoon, Implementation Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm* and *Grading Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm* and direct the farm applied for rectification.

### **Article 15 Reviews**

To determine whether the farm applied pass the review according to the actual assessment. If it passes, the Breeding Commission of CLIA shall submit the request report of the demonstration farm to the CLIA. If it fails to pass the review, the committee shall recommend the fur farms to re-apply after rectification.

### **Article 16 Announcement**

Upon receipt of the request report of the Breeding Commission of CLIA, the CLIA shall announce the list of the farms awarded the honorary title in China Leather Net for 10 working days, and accept social supervision, report and complaint.

### **Article 17 Official Reply**

Upon expiry of the announcement, farms with no serious reports or complaints or non-authentic reports or complaints shall be approved and licensed by the CLIA, otherwise, CLIA will withdraw the approval once to be found true.

### **Article 18 Plaque and Certification**

The plaque and certificate of the demonstration farms shall be uniformly

produced and issued by the CLIA.

## **Chapter V Certification Management of Demonstration Farm**

**Article 19** A demonstration farm shall be deemed valid for three years and shall be reviewed after expiration.

**Article 20** The certified demonstration farm shall, from the next year, submit the relevant materials of business condition of previous year to the Breeding Commission of CLIA before January 31 of each year.

### **Article 21 Review and Disposal**

After 3 years, the committee shall organize the experts to review the certified farms according to *Specifications for Breeding and Utilizing Mink, Foxes and Raccoon* and *Implementation Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm*. If after the review, the farm fails to meet the standards, the China Feather Association shall issue a rectification notice, circulate a notice of criticism or cancel the title of demonstration farm according to the seriousness of the case, and announce the results within the corresponding scope.

(1) The demonstration farms that fail to meet the standards through re-checking, after receiving the notice of rectification or criticism, shall implement and submit the report of rectification status to the Breeding Commission of CLIA within the specified time.

(2) The demonstration farms that have received the rectification notice three times or more or criticism notice twice or more shall be canceled the title of demonstration farm by the China Leather Industry Association.

(3) The farms which are canceled the title of demonstration farm by CLIA shall immediately returned the plaque and certification of demonstration farm, changed or withdrawn by the CLIA.

(4) The farms which are canceled the title shall not apply to CLIA for two years.

## **Chapter VI Charging Management of Certification for Demonstration Farm**

**Article 22** The demonstration farm certification shall not charge management fees for the time being, and the CLIA shall be responsible for the transport expenses, accommodation expenses and food expenses of the assessment expert group.

## **Chapter VII Other**

**Article 23** These Rules shall be formulated and interpreted by the CLIA.

**Article 24** *Grading Rules of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm and Declaration of Certification for International Animal Welfare (Mink / Foxes /Raccoon) Demonstration Farm* shall be attached with these Rules.

**Article 25** These Rules shall be implemented from October 1, 2017.