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Ministry of Agriculture  
Ulica grada Vukovara 78  
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Croatia

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are the animal protection organization “ANIMA MUNDI” from Republic of Macedonia, the most active association for protection of animals in our country [www.anima-mundi.org.mk](http://www.anima-mundi.org.mk), a member of the European Vegetarian Union (EVU), the Fur Free Alliance, Macedonian representative – observer for the European Coalition to End Animal Experiments (ECEAE), as well as a member of international animal protection organizations – OIPA International, affiliated to the UN Department of Public Information.

“ANIMA MUNDI”, together with many other International, National associations; Macedonian national organizations for animal rights (“ANIMAL’S VOICE”, “LITTLE HEROES”, “ANIMALIA”, “ANIMAL’S WORLD”, “SECOND CHANCE”, “SAVE A LIFE”, etc.) as well as the citizens, strongly supports and shares “PRIJATELJI ŽIVOTINJA’S” battle, and battle of Croatian people for total ban of fur farming in Croatia.

On January 1st 2007 Croatia passed a praiseworthy law regulation – Animal Protection Act with fur farming ban on all animals with a 10 year phasing out period. The fur farming ban was second by the Government, all political parties, MP's and more than 70 percent of Croatian citizens.

As an organizations' from a country that passed a fur farming ban as well we are shocked to hear that Croatian ban is being threatened by new amendment to the Animal Protection Act which would exclude chinchillas from the existing ban.

Such amendment would make a mockery out of Croatian legislature, especially because of the fact that the transitional period should end in less than a year. Today we witness more and more countries reaching fur farming ban so possibility of Croatia going back to situation before 2007 makes no sense.

The fact is that fur farmers had more than enough time to switch to another type of business as in other European countries who introduced the same ban. Animal Protection Act should not be changed or degraded in a way that would support the minority of farmers who didn't respect the Act like the majority of others.

Please keep the fur farming ban in Croatia and stay in company of many European countries that do not support fur farming like UK and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and others.

There are many cases and recent reports which clearly show that it is impossible to achieve animal welfare in breeding animals for fur. Studies have also shown that fur industry is not ecological and should not be supported as such.

Due to reasons stated above, we do not support fur farming of chinchillas or any other animals.

We believe that you will protect Animal Protection Act from downgrading and keep working on its improvement, thus achieving a higher level of animal protection.

Kind regards,

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