



## FUR FREE SOUTH AFRICA

Ministry of Agriculture  
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Croatia

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Dear Prof. Davor Romić,

**RE: FUR FREE SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT SUPPORT FUR FARMING OF CHINCHILLAS,  
OR ANY OTHER ANIMAL**

Fur Free South Africa is a registered anti-fur organisation that works in association with Beauty Without Cruelty SA, the International Anti-Fur Coalition and other organisations. FFSA is a member of the Fur Free Alliance.

South Africa does not have fur farms, as they would contravene the SA Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. This Act stipulates it is a crime if one “confines, chains, tethers or secures any animal unnecessarily or under such conditions or in such a manner or position as to cause that animal unnecessary suffering or in any place which affords inadequate space, ventilation, light, protection or shelter from heat, cold or weather”.

Fur Free SA praised Croatia, when on January 1st 2007, it implemented its Animal Protection Act with a fur farming ban on all animals with a 10 year phasing out period. This was an ethical decision, given the senseless brutality of fur farming. The fur farming ban was endorsed by the Government, all political parties, MP's and more than 70 percent of Croatian citizens.

Fur Free SA and its thousands of followers were, therefore, horrified to hear that this fur farm ban is under threat by a potential amendment to the Animal Protection Act, which would exclude chinchillas from the existing ban. FFSA believes that Croatian fur farmers had more than enough time to find other businesses, as in other European countries who introduced the same ban. In other words, this pending exclusion of chinchillas from legal protection seems to be a regression in morality. There is enough evidence to show that there can never be humane battery-farming of animals.

Please join the international trend in banning fur production, in all its forms, and keep the fur farming ban in Croatia.

Kind regards,  
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*Fur Free SA condemns the commercial killing of any animal for their fur.*