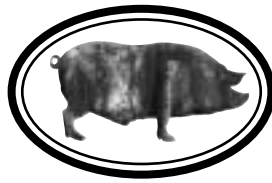

DECLARATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PRODUCTION ANIMALS



CONSIDERATIONS

I THE MORAL OBLIGATION

Taking into consideration that:

- 1 billions of production animals are kept and killed for the benefit of humans;
- 2 the conditions under which production animals live are to a high degree determined by humans;
- 3 the degree to which production animals experience well-being is recognizable and knowable to humans through empathy and scientific knowledge;
- 4 the anatomy, physiology and primary emotions of humans and production animals are largely similar;
- 5 the similarities and differences between human beings and production animals do not justify a principally worse treatment of production animals;
- 6 for these reasons human beings have a moral obligation to provide a decent life for production animals.

II THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

Taking into consideration that:

- 7 this moral obligation is widely ignored in the intensive farming industry;
- 8 existing legislation offers production animals insufficient protection;
- 9 self-regulation by those involved in the production chain offers insufficient protection;
- 10 production animals cannot be protected through purchasing behaviour because the consumer possesses insufficient information and critical or moral awareness.

III FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE MORAL OBLIGATION

Taking into consideration that:

- 11 fundamental rights can protect the interests of production animals adequately;
 - 12 globalisation means that legal protection should have international force;
 - 13 an international, independent court of justice should guarantee compliance with these fundamental rights;
 - 14 This declaration set the norms to be adhered to by all persons or legal entities regarding production animals.
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