

Mink Biosecurity Self-Evaluation Checklist

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Biosecurity practices	Self-evaluation Checklist				Notes
	Always/ frequently	Some- times	Never	N/A	
All introduced mink to the resident herd originate from herds monitored under a disease surveillance or control program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Health records of the source herd are available (e.g. vaccination, disease and veterinary records).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
There is a designated quarantine area away from the rest of the herd for introduced mink.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Records of mink movement (e.g. new animal receipts, pelting, mortalities, and any addition or removal of mink to or from the herd) are maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Trucks and transportation pens are cleaned and disinfected between shipments of live mink.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
A downtime of 2 weeks is implemented for each shed at least once per year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
The herd's health and performance is monitored at least once a day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Comprehensive herd health records are maintained (e.g. daily mortality, vaccination, medications, feed and water consumption rates).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
There is an established working relationship with a veterinarian or veterinary clinic.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Mortalities are collected from the production area on a daily basis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Staff are trained to properly collect, store and dispose of mortalities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Manure is stored away from animal housing areas and in a manner that minimizes access by wildlife and pets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Only manure from the operation is applied on the farm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Water delivery systems are kept clean by frequent flushing, descaling and	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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disinfecting water lines and drinkers/cups.					
If drinking cups or dishes are used, they are cleaned on a regular basis to prevent contamination by feed and litter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Finished feed or feed ingredients are purchased from sources with verifiable biosecurity practices, e.g. HACCP – Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Refrigerated feed storage is routinely monitored and serviced if required to ensure appropriate temperature control; temperature monitoring and service is documented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dry feed and feed ingredients are monitored to be free from pests, excessive moisture and spills.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Bedding is monitored to be free from pests, excessive moisture and mould.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
There is a perimeter security fence designed to prevent the escape of mink and access by wildlife.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
There is a 2 to 5 feet perimeter strip of gravel or very short vegetation that is free of debris around each shed or production unit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Bait stations and traps are properly positioned at the sheds' perimeter, inside the production area and any other possible pest entry points.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Bait stations are monitored regularly and baits are replaced as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Staff are aware of and educated about the established zones, their importance and farm access biosecurity protocols.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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