

Annex 4 - Question 15

Application for derogation under Article 9 of the Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien Species.

Applicant – Peter Jolly, Jollys Circus, [REDACTED]

Raccoon: Contingency Plan to address escape or spread.

Whilst it is virtually impossible for the raccoons to escape their enclosure Peter Jolly's Circus realise that even the most elaborate containment plans need constant checking and monitoring. So plans in place include:

ESCAPE

1. Only A+1 trainers have access to the raccoons.
2. Only A+1 trainers have keys to the raccoon enclosure.
3. When taken out of their enclosure the raccoons are on collars and leads at all times.
4. The racoons are locked in their inside house at night.
5. The raccoons are contained in their inside house during transport.

Should an emergency occur during transportation where the raccoon vehicle is damaged in an accident or similar, the following guidelines are in place:

ESCAPE and SPREAD.

1. A+1 first responders in charge of the raccoons attend and put the raccoons on their leads.
2. The raccoons are placed in temporary holding cages/boxes.
3. Should one escape into the countryside the trainers will use food to capture and contain it. However because they are very tame it is unlikely that they will leave their trainers.
4. The male raccoons are castrated.