

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE DISEASE CONTROL (INTERIM MEASURES) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT ORDER 2007 SSI/2007/387

The above instrument was made under sections 1, 7,8A and 8(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981.

Policy Objective

The policy objective in introducing this legislation is to amend the Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 is to put in place revised rules controlling the movement of cattle, sheep, goats all other ruminating animals (other than camelids) and swine, and for the holding of exhibitions, markets and shows in the light of the discovery of Foot-and –Mouth Disease on 2 farms in Surrey.

In order to reduce the risk of transmission of disease that arises when animals are moved the instrument increases the period (the “standstill”) during which animals may not move off premises onto which other animals have moved from 13 days to 20 days.

The instrument also suspends some of the exemptions to the application of the standstill period in the 2002 Order. In particular, it suspends the operation of the ‘separation agreements’ that permit the movement of animals from premises that were held separately from other animals on or introduced to those premises.

The instrument requires that from 27 August 2007, anyone intending to hold a market, exhibition or sale must give the appropriate Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) 24 hours notice and take steps to comply with any guidance on the conduct of the event issued by the DVM. It further provides that any person holding a market shall ensure that a veterinary inspector is in attendance, in order that every animal is examined for signs of disease before it leaves the market.

Consultation

No formal consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders about this Order, but the provisions were discussed with them at a stakeholders meeting.

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