

EXECUTIVE NOTE TO
THE ZONOSSES (MONITORING) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007
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The above instrument was made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. It is subject to negative Parliamentary procedures.

Policy Objective

The Zoonoses Monitoring (Scotland) Regulations 2007 bring together and enhance Government powers to monitor all zoonoses and zoonotic agents as required under EU Directive 2003/99/EC. The Monitoring Regulation also provide powers to carry out our share of EU wide surveys as required under EU legislation on the prevention of Zoonoses in primary production (EC 2160/2003).

The main objective of the Regulation is to facilitate a monitoring system in Scotland which gives Scottish Ministers the powers to gather information on zoonoses and zoonotic agents in all animals, including domestic and wild animal populations in order to assess the risk to human health. The Regulation aims to achieve this objective through enhanced monitoring of the trends and sources of zoonoses and zoonotic agents. This will provide information on antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic agents and improve the ability to detect emerging zoonotic organisms.

The implementation of the Zoonoses (Monitoring) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 should allow the greatest speed of response to new epidemiological situations, and provide the best course of action for the protection of both animal and public health.

Consultation

The Scottish Government have consulted with stakeholders in Scotland, and a UK wide consultation was also taken forward by Defra. Regular meetings with key stakeholders groups have also taken place on a UK wide basis.

Financial Effects

The Monitoring legislation of itself does not directly impose additional financial burden on the industry, except for the time that will need to be given up by the operator to facilitate the collection of samples by an inspector and to provide relevant information and assistance as required.

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