

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The Zootechnical Standards Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 SSI 2007/521

The above instrument was made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

Policy Objective

The objective of this instrument is to amend The Zootechnical Standards Regulations 1992 in order to give force to Council Directive 2005/24/EC.

Main Changes

The Zootechnical Standards Regulations 1992 implement, among others, Council Directive 87/328/EEC which sets out the conditions for acceptance for breeding purposes of pure-bred animals of the bovine species. In 2005 the Commission introduced Council Directive 2005/24/EC extending the requirements of Council Directive 87/328/EEC so that no restrictions (other than for animal health purposes) could be placed on the use of ova and embryos from pure-bred females of the bovine species. Previous legislation applied only to the animals themselves. Directive 2005/24/EC also lays down the criteria for the collection, processing and storage (in an approved centre) of semen from pure-bred breeding animals for breeding purposes.

Initially the view was that the provisions of the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Animal Health) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985/1857) met the requirements of 2005/24/EC. However, in the opinion of the Commission this did not fully transpose the Directive and, consequently, it has been decided to give effect to the provisions of the Directive by making these amendments to the Zootechnical Regulations.

These regulations introduce a new Regulation 6 transposing Article 2 of 2005/24/EC placing obligations on recognised organisations in relation to the collection, processing and storage of bovine semen. They also replace Part V of Schedule 3 of the 1992 Regulations thus transposing Article 1 of 2005/24/EC requiring that recognised organisations accept for breeding purposes bovine ova and embryos.

Consultation

No formal consultation has taken place with those affected by these Regulations although interested parties have been given sight of a draft of the Regulations.

Financial Effects

There are no cost implications for Central Government arising from the making of these Regulations. Neither will there be any costs accruing to the organisations affected by them.

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