

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE IMPORT AND EXPORT RESTRICTIONS (FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE)**  
**(NO.3) REGULATIONS 2007**

**No. 2712**

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.
2. **Description**
  - 2.1 These Regulations put into force emergency disease control measures to prevent the export of the foot-and-mouth disease virus to other European Member States and to Third Countries.
3. **Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**
  - 3.1 We have broken the 21 day rule as this is an emergency disease control measure for which we need urgent enforcement powers to implement.
4. **Legislative Background**
  - 4.1 These Regulations bring into force controls on the export and import of live animals and animal products as appropriate as set out in Commission Decision 2007/554/EC (as amended by Commission Decision 2007/608/EC) concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom
5. **Territorial Extent and Application**
  - 5.1 This instrument applies to England.
6. **European Convention on Human Rights**
  - 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.
7. **Policy background**
  - 7.1 These Regulations revise the emergency disease control measures to prevent the export of the foot-and-mouth disease virus to other European Member States and Third Countries. The Regulations reflect amendments to Commission Decision 2007/554/EC, limiting the control of exports and imports of live animals as appropriate from Great Britain.

## **8. Impact**

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it is an emergency disease control measure.

## **9. Contact**

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