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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 3044 (C. 101)**

**ANIMALS**

**ANIMAL HEALTH**

**The Animal Health Act 2002 (Commencement) Order 2002**

*Made* - - - - *9th December 2002*

*Coming into force* - - *13th January 2003*

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by section 19(1) of the Animal Health Act 2002<sup>(1)</sup> hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Animal Health Act 2002 (Commencement) Order 2002.
2. The day appointed for the coming into force of—
  - (a) sections 1 to 15, and 17 of, and the Schedule to, the Animal Health Act 2002 is 14th January 2003;
  - (b) section 16 of that Act is 1st July 2003;
  - (c) section 18 of that Act is 24th March 2003.

9th December 2002

*Elliot Morley,*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural  
Affairs

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Animal Health Act 2002 (Commencement) Order 2002. (See end of Document for details)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the coming into force on 14th January 2003 of the following provisions of the Animal Health Act 2002 (c. 42)—

<i>Provisions of the Animal Health Act 2002</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
Section 1	Foot-and-mouth disease
Section 2	Extension of power to slaughter
Section 3	Disease control (slaughter) protocol
Section 4	Explanation of preventive slaughter
Section 5	Slaughter of vaccinated animals
Section 6	Scrapie
Section 7	Treatment: power of entry
Section 8	Slaughter: power of entry
Section 9	Tests and samples: power of entry
Section 10	Inspection of vehicles
Section 11	Obstruction
Section 12	Deliberate infection of animals
Section 13	Penalties for certain summary offences
Section 14	Prosecutions: time limit
Section 15	Duty to consider vaccination
Section 17	Annual review of import controls
Schedule	Scrapie

In addition section 16 of the Animal Health Act 2002 (which relates to bio security guidance) is brought into force on 1st July 2003 and section 18 of that Act (which relates to the National contingency plan) is brought into force on 24th March 2003.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Animal Health Act 2002 (Commencement) Order 2002.