
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations enforce [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 504/2008](#) in England. They provide for identification of horses, and replace the Horse Passports (England) Regulations 2004.

Part 2 of the Regulations create offences for breach of provisions of the Commission Regulation, and provide for the administration of veterinary medicinal products for horses intended for human consumption. The Schedule makes special provisions for Dartmoor, Exmoor and the New Forest.

Part 3 provides that the Regulations are enforced by the local authority, and gives powers to inspectors of those authorities.

Breach of the Regulations is an offence punishable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

A full impact assessment has been prepared and placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. It is available on the Defra website at www.defra.gov.uk