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**2015 No. 772**

**VETERINARY SURGEONS**

**The Veterinary Surgery (Exemptions) Order 2015**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th March 2015</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>19th March 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st July 2015</i>

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 19(4)(e) and (6) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966<sup>(1)</sup>, and now vested in them<sup>(2)</sup>, after consultation with the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, make the following Order:

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(1) 1966 c. 36.

(2) Section 27(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (as amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No.1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272)) defines “the Ministers” as the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland acting jointly. The functions of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under section 19 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 were transferred to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs by article 3(1) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/794). By virtue of section 95(5) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 12 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47), the reference in the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 to the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is to be construed as a reference to the Northern Ireland department which exercises that function or to the Northern Ireland Minister in charge of that department. The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland was renamed the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by Article 3(4) of the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1)).