
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order repeals and replaces the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Controlled Area) (No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 which imposed, with variations and exceptions, the restrictions contained in Part III of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order (Northern Ireland) 1962 in Northern Ireland.

This Order further varies the controls set out in the fifth Schedule to the 1962 Order. The principal changes are as follows. The prohibition on the hunting of animals with horses and/or dogs and the prohibition on the movement of horses except under the authority of a licence are revoked. The prohibition on the hunting of deer with horses or dogs continues.

Any person who, without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall lie on him, contravenes any provisions of this Order shall be guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and shall be liable, on summary conviction, either to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000) or in the case of an offence committed with respect to more than 5 animals, not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000) for each animal.