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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 34**

**The Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Order 2002**

**Separation of animals on premises**

5.—(1) Animals to be moved from any premises shall be kept separate from animals which have been brought onto premises for the purposes of this Order if either—

- (a) the animals which have been brought onto; or
- (b) the animals to be moved from,

the premises are kept separate from the remainder of the animals on those premises, provided that the provisions of this article are complied with by the owner or person in charge of the animals concerned in respect of paragraphs (2), (3), (4)(c) and (5), or by other persons where specified in this article.

(2) The animals kept separate must in accordance with paragraph (1) be separated from other animals on the premises and on adjoining premises by—

- (a) a natural barrier which may include fields which are empty of animals or an area of woodland or a stream; or
- (b) solid walls or barriers in buildings,

and this separation must be adequate to prevent nose to nose contact with other animals on the premises and on adjoining premises.

(3) The animals kept separate in accordance with paragraph (1) must be kept within fields, paddocks or buildings which must—

- (a) contain separate feeding and water troughs; and
- (b) be fenced with fencing kept in good repair so as to be made proof against the escape of the animals.

(4) In order to maintain biosecurity, any persons handling animals brought on to the premises and kept separate in accordance with paragraph (1)(a) must—

- (a) have their soiled clothing and footwear cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant or removed before handling other animals;
- (b) not take any vehicles into the fields, paddocks or buildings unless doing so is necessary for the purposes of the welfare and essential husbandry of the separated livestock and in the event that such vehicles are taken in, the wheels and wheel arches of the vehicles must be cleansed and disinfected before those vehicles are used in circumstances where they may come into contact with or close proximity to other animals;
- (c) be informed, by the owner or person in charge of the animals, of—
  - (i) which animals are held separately; and
  - (ii) the requirements of this article under which the animals are held,

and any visitor to the fields, paddocks or buildings where animals kept separate in accordance with paragraph (1)(a) who have had access to any animals within the 7 days prior to the day of the visit must observe the conditions in sub-paragraph (a).

(5) In the case where the animals brought on to premises are kept separate from the remainder of the animals on the premises, the animals brought on must be inspected by the owner or person in

charge of the animals at a frequency not less than daily for the 20 day period for which they must remain on the premises, for signs of disease.

(6) In order to maintain biosecurity, persons, before handling animals to be moved which are being kept separate in accordance with paragraph (1)(b) from the remainder of the animals on the premises, must—

- (a) wear footwear which can be properly cleansed and disinfected or remove the footwear used; and
- (b) be cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant,

and any visitor to the fields, paddocks or buildings where animals kept separate in accordance with paragraph (1)(b) are kept who have had access to any animals within the 7 days prior to the day of the visit must observe the conditions in this paragraph.

(7) In order to maintain biosecurity, where animals to be moved are kept separate in accordance with paragraph (1)(b) from the remainder of the animals on the premises, then notwithstanding that animals which have been brought on to the premises are not kept separate from the remainder of the animals on the premises which are not to be moved, persons handling the animals brought on to the premises must, after handling the brought on animals, comply with the requirements of paragraphs (4)(a) and (b), and the owner or person in charge of such animals must comply with paragraph (4)(c).