

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS (CLEANSING AND DISINFECTION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005 SSI/2005/653

The above Instrument was made in exercise of powers conferred by Section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

Policy Objectives

These Regulations revoke and replace, with changes, the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 (S.S.I. 2000/167). The amendments shall make it a permanent legal obligation to cleanse and disinfect wheels, wheel arches and mud guards each time a vehicle carrying livestock or poultry is required to be cleansed and disinfected. They also fix an anomaly that currently exempts vehicles moving horses from full cleansing and disinfection practices.

The Regulations implement sections of Council Directive 91/628/EEC on the protection of animals during transport, and Council Directive 64/432 EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine.

The main thrust of this Instrument is to reduce as far as is practicable the spread of any possible animal diseases via a means of transport. This is achieved by making it a necessary task of those that transport certain animals to cleanse and disinfect the means of transport, as laid out in the schedule, within 24 hours of the journey, and before it is used again to transport animals.

Consultation

Key stakeholders were consulted on the minor changes to be introduced.

Financial Effects

There are no cost implications for Central Government arising from the making of these Regulations. No additional financial burdens are being placed on the industry except for horse transporters where cleansing and disinfection is now required.

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