

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE TUBERCULOSIS (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2007 SSI/2007/147

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1, 7(1), 8(1), 15(4), 25, 32(2) & (3), 34(7), 83(2), 87(2) and 88(2) of the Animal Health Act 1981. It revokes and re-enacts the Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 2005 and the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 1978 in so far as it relates to bovine tuberculosis, and introduces changes to the provisions of each. The new instrument contains both control and compensation provisions relating to bovine tuberculosis. The compensation provisions are subject to negative Parliamentary procedures.

Policy Objectives

The main objective of the Order is to allow for the implementation of regulatory controls which aim to keep the incidence of bovine tuberculosis in Scotland at low levels. The Order sets out various measures including a requirement for pre and post movement testing of cattle. It also provides for the payment of compensation for animals slaughtered for disease control purposes.

The main changes in the 2007 instrument are that it extends the definition of carcase beyond bovine animals to allow for the notification of disease or suspected disease in the carcasses of other farmed or pet mammals. It also relaxes the prohibition on vaccinating or treating animals for tuberculosis so that it can be done with the written consent of the Scottish Ministers.

Consultation

There has been no external consultation as the changes being introduced will have minimal impact on stakeholders.

Financial effects

The changes being introduced will not impose any additional financial burden on stakeholders or the Scottish Executive.

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