

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (EXPORT RESTRICTIONS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007 SSI 2007/386

The above instrument was made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 on 24 August 2007 and is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objective

The policy objective in introducing this legislation is to implement amendments made to Commission Decision 2007/554 /EC of 9 August 2007 by Commission Decision 2007/588/EC of 24 August 2007.

The Commission Decision as amended no longer bars the import of live animals into the UK, and export restrictions from the UK now only apply in respect of the area in England that was immediately affected by the outbreak.

The Commission Decision as amended is given effect for Scotland by revoking and the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot and mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007, and making this instrument which re-states the terms of the revoked instrument with the appropriate changes.

This instrument therefore regulates the export from Scotland to other Member States of live animals and animal products, subject to conditions.

The Regulations make it an offence to offer to export anything which it is prohibited export under the Regulations. They also provide for the cleansing and disinfecting of vehicles used to transport live animals susceptible to foot and mouth disease and provide powers of enforcement. The Regulations make it an offence to obstruct any person acting in the execution of the Regulations or who provides false information.

Consultation

Stakeholders affected by these Regulations have not been consulted because they implement EU obligations.

Rural Directorate