

EXECUTIVE NOTE TO
THE DISEASE CONTROL (INTERIM MEASURES) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT
(No. 2) ORDER 2007
SSI 2007 No. 400

The above instrument was made under sections 1, 7,8A and 8(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981.

Policy Objective

The policy objective in introducing this legislation amending the Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 is to put in place revised rules controlling the movement of cattle, sheep, goats all other ruminating animals (other than camelids) and swine following the discovery of Foot and Mouth Disease on 2 farms in Surrey.

In recognition of the special circumstances pertaining to the Scottish Islands and of the risk of there being undisclosed pockets of disease in mainland Scotland, this instrument introduces separate rules governing the movements of animals in these areas. The areas to which the instrument applies “Islands area” are defined in the instrument.

The instrument reinstates for the islands areas the controls which were in place prior to the FMD outbreak. In particular, animals on the islands will only be subject to a 13 day standstill period.

The instrument further amends the 2002 Order granting an exemption from the general standstill period of 20 days applying in the area of Scotland other than the Islands so that an animal moved because it comes from premises to which a breeding bull, ram, or goat is moved, is exempted from the standstill period on the holding of origin and does not trigger a standstill on premise of destination.

Consultation

No formal consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders about this Order, but the provisions were discussed with them at a stakeholders meeting.

Rural Directorate