

**EXECUTIVE NOTE TO**  
**THE IMPORT AND EXPORT RESTRICTIONS (FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE)**  
**(SCOTLAND) (NO. 4) REGULATIONS 2007**  
**SSI 2007/460**

The above instrument was made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 on 12 October 2007 and is subject to negative resolution procedure.

**Policy Objective**

The policy objective in introducing this legislation is to implement the Commission Decision 2007/664/EC of 12 October 2007, which further amends Commission Decision 2007/554/EC of 9 August 2007 (“the FMD Decision”).

The FMD Decision applied import and export restrictions to live animals and animal products of susceptible species, as a consequence of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Surrey on 3 August 2007.

The amendment to the FMD Decision introduced by the new Commission Decision allows the export from Scotland of meat (including minced meat and meat preparations) of susceptible animals derived from FMD low risk areas (including Scotland).

Certain conditions must be met in order for meat to be exported. In particular—

1. The animals must have been reared in an area where there has been no FMD outbreak for at least 90 days before slaughter.
2. The animals must have been reared on a holding at the centre of a 10 km radius circle in which there has been no FMD outbreak for at least 30 days before transport to slaughter.
3. No FMD susceptible animal must have introduced to the holding of origin in the 21 day period (or 7 day period in the case of pigs) before loading for transport to slaughter.

The amendment to the FMD Decision allows the export of certain medicinal products and devices manufactured from animal tissue.

**Consultation**

The Decision was adopted on 12 October and came into effect immediately. Stakeholders affected by these Regulations have not been consulted as they implement EU obligations.

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