

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (APPROVED DISINFECTANTS) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2008 SSI/2008/219

The above instrument was made in exercise of powers conferred by section 1 of the Animal Health Act 1981.

Policy Objectives

The objective of this instrument is to introduce new arrangements for publicising the list of disinfectants approved for use in the event of an outbreak of animal disease.

The Animal Health Act 1981 empowers Ministers, in the event of an outbreak of animal disease, to, inter alia, prescribe the modes of cleansing and disinfection. The disinfectants that may be used for specific diseases are set out in a schedule to an Order made under section 1 of the Act.

The current procedure meant that any changes to the list of approved disinfectants could only be made by making a new Order which could take up to 6 months to introduce. This system was clearly time consuming and did not meet the requirements of industry who did not want to wait 6 months before new products could be placed on the market.

Under the new procedures brought in by this Order the list of approved disinfectants will be published on the internet and any changes can be made as soon as they are approved.

Consultation

There has been no consultation on the new procedures carried out in Scotland. However, these procedures have been in operation in England since 2006 with the support of manufacturers of disinfectants.

Financial Effects.

There are no cost implications for either Central Government or industry from the changes introduced by this Instrument.

Scottish Government Rural Directorate