
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order revokes in its application to Scotland and re-enacts with amendments the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 1998.

The principal change is to provide for additional powers for inspectors (Schedule 2).

As in the previous Order, it provides that possession of an animal pathogen specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1, or introduction into an animal of an animal pathogen specified in Parts 1 and 2 of that Schedule, requires a licence from the Scottish Ministers.

Failure to comply with this Order is an offence under section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities or the voluntary sector.