



Animal Health Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 22

An Act to consolidate the Diseases of Animals Act 1935, the Diseases of Animals Act 1950, the Ponies Act 1969, the Rabies Act 1974, the Diseases of Animals Act 1975, and certain related enactments. [11th June 1981]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act (except s. 57(1)): Functions transferred (27.12.1999) by S.I. 1999/3141, arts. 2(1), 3, **Sch. 1** (with s. 2(5))
- C2** Act: Certain functions transferred (W.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
- C3** Act extended by [Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984](#) (c. 40, SIF 2:8), s. 3
Act extended (1.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/757, **art. 13**
Act extended (1.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/758, **art. 22**
Act extended (15.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/882, **reg. 9(3)-(5)**
Act extended (E.) (1.9.2000) by S.I. 2000/2055, **art. 22**
Act extended (E.) (1.9.2000) by S.I. 2000/2056, **art. 13**
Act extended (E.) (11.2.2002) (*temp.* until 1.12.2002) by S.I. 2002/242, **arts. 1, 12**
- C4** Act modified (W.) (19.2.2003) by [Bluetongue \(Wales\) Order 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/326), **art. 14** (with art. 4)
- C5** Act certain functions transferred (31.12.2004) by [The National Assembly for Wales \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/3044), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C6** Act modified (E.) (27.4.2006 at 6.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin In Mammals \(England\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1197), **art. 5(3)**
- C7** Act definitions extended (E.) (28.4.2008) by [Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/944), **art. 2**
- C8** Act powers extended (W.) (10.5.2008) by [The Specified Animal Pathogens \(Wales\) Order 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/1270), art. 6, **Sch. 2**
- C9** Act definitions extended (W.) (10.5.2008) by [The Specified Animal Pathogens \(Wales\) Order 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/1270), **art. 2**
- C10** Act definitions extended (S.) (1.3.2009) by [Specified Animal Pathogens \(Scotland\) Order 2009](#) (S.S.I. 2009/45), **art. 2**
- C11** Act applied in part (with modifications) (S.) (22.2.2021) by S.I. 1989/285, art. 4(3), **Sch. 1** (as inserted by [The Zoonoses Amendment \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Order 2021](#) (S.S.I. 2021/83), arts. 1, 2(3)(c))

Changes to legislation:

Animal Health Act 1981, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.