



Animal Health Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 22

PART V

ENFORCEMENT, OFFENCES AND PROCEEDINGS

Offences generally

[^{F1} 71A Prosecutions: time limit

- (1) Despite anything in section 127(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 an information relating to an offence under this Act which is triable by a magistrates' court in England and Wales may be so tried if it is laid at any time—
- (a) within the period of three years starting with the date of the commission of the offence, and
 - (b) within the period of six months starting with the day on which evidence which the prosecutor thinks is sufficient to justify the proceedings comes to his knowledge.
- (2) A certificate by the prosecutor as to the date on which such evidence came to his knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 71A inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by 2002 c. 42, s. 14; S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 71A applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, 7(1)(f)
- C2** S. 71A applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, 10(1)(f)
- C3** S. 71A applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, 10(1)(f)

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- C4** S. 71A applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2984), regs. 1, **7(1)(f)**
- C5** S. 71A applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (No.2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3394), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C6** S. 71A applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3385), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C7** S. 71A applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3384), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C8** S. 71A applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/180), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C9** S. 71A modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/183), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(f)**
- C10** S. 71A applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1761), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C11** S. 71A applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2803), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(e)**
- C12** S. 71A applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2701), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(e)**

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