



Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 14

Additional controls

[^{F1}14] Re-use of protected animals

- (1) A protected animal that has been subjected to one or more regulated procedures must not be used for a further regulated procedure unless the Secretary of State has consented to such further use and the following conditions are met.
- (2) The first condition is that—
 - (a) the actual severity of the regulated procedure, or each of the regulated procedures, previously applied to the animal has been classified in accordance with conditions included in a project licence by virtue of paragraph 23 of Schedule 2C, and
 - (b) in a case where more than one regulated procedure has previously been applied to the animal, the actual severity of no more than one of those procedures has been classified as “severe”.
- (3) The second condition is that a veterinary surgeon with knowledge of the lifetime experience of the animal has advised that the animal’s general state of health and well-being has been fully restored following the application of the previous procedure or procedures.
- (4) The third condition is that—
 - (a) the further procedure is to be applied as part of a programme of work specified in a project licence; and
 - (b) the likely severity of the further procedure was classified by the Secretary of State under section 5B(3)(c) as “non-recovery”, “mild” or “moderate”.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (1), the consent of the Secretary of State may relate to the specific animal concerned or may relate to animals used in specified procedures or specified circumstances.
- (6) But in the case of an animal that has been subjected to a regulated procedure the actual severity of which has been classified as “severe”, the consent of the Secretary

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of State must relate to the specific animal concerned and the Secretary of State may give consent only if—

- (a) the Secretary of State has consulted a veterinary surgeon who has examined the animal about whether consent should be given; and
- (b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances that justify the animal being used for the further regulated procedure.

(7) For the purposes of this section, a series of regulated procedures applied to an animal for a particular purpose is to be treated as constituting a single regulated procedure.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 14 substituted (19.12.2012 for specified purposes) by [The Animals \(Scientific Procedures\) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3039\)](#) , reg. 1(2)(3)(a)**14** (with Sch. 3)

15 Killing animals at conclusion of regulated procedures.

- (1) Where a protected animal—
 - (a) has been subjected to a series of regulated procedures for a particular purpose; and
 - (b) at the conclusion of the series is suffering or likely to suffer adverse effects, the person who applied those procedures, or the last of them, shall cause the animal to be immediately killed by a method appropriate to the animal under Schedule 1 to this Act or by such other method as may be authorised by the personal licence of the person by whom the animal is killed.
- (2) Subsection (1) above is without prejudice to any condition of a project licence requiring an animal to be killed at the conclusion of a regulated procedure in circumstances other than those mentioned in that subsection.

16 Prohibition of public displays.

- (1) No person shall carry out any regulated procedure as an exhibition to the general public or carry out any such procedure which is shown live on television for general reception.
- (2) No person shall publish a notice or advertisement announcing the carrying out of any regulated procedure in a manner that would contravene subsection (1) above.

17 Neuro-muscular blocking agents.

No person shall in the course of a regulated procedure—

- (a) use any neuromuscular blocking agent unless expressly authorised to do so by the personal and project licences under which the procedure is carried out; or
- (b) use any such agent instead of an anaesthetic.

[^{F2}17A Setting free and re-homing protected animals

- (1) A person who holds a licence under this Act must not set free a relevant protected animal, or permit any person acting on their behalf to do so, unless—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has consented to the setting free of the animal; or

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- (b) the animal is set free during the course of a series of regulated procedures.
- (2) A person who holds a licence under this Act must not re-home a relevant protected animal, or permit any person acting on their behalf to do so, unless the Secretary of State has consented to the re-homing of the animal.
- (3) The Secretary of State must not consent to the setting free or re-homing of a relevant protected animal unless satisfied—
 - (a) that the animal’s state of health allows it to be set free or re-homed;
 - (b) that the setting free or re-homing of the animal poses no danger to public health, animal health or the environment;
 - (c) that there is an adequate scheme in place for ensuring the socialisation of the animal upon being set free or re-homed; and
 - (d) that other appropriate measures have been taken to safeguard the animal’s well-being upon being set free or re-homed.
- (4) The Secretary of State must not consent to the setting free of a relevant protected animal which has been taken from the wild unless the Secretary of State is also satisfied that the animal has undergone a programme of rehabilitation or that it would be inappropriate for the animal to be required to undergo such a programme.
- (5) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) “relevant protected animal” has the same meaning as in section 15A(11);
 - (b) a reference to a person who holds a licence under this Act includes a reference to a person who held a licence under this Act which is no longer in force;
 - (c) an animal is not to be treated as being “re-homed” if it is moved to live in a place which is for the time being specified in a section 2C licence.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 17A inserted (19.12.2012 for specified purposes, 1.1.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [The Animals \(Scientific Procedures\) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3039\)](#), reg. 1(2)(3)(b), **18** (with Sch. 3)

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