

*These notes refer to the Animal Health Act 2002 (c.42)
which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

3. The Act has two main purposes. The first is to provide additional powers to tackle Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and for these powers to be extendable to other animal diseases by order. The second is to provide additional powers to deal with transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in sheep. The Act also makes a number of amendments to the enforcement provisions of the Animal Health Act 1981.