



# Animal Health Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 42

### PART 1

#### SLAUGHTER

##### **1 Foot-and-mouth disease**

- (1) In the Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22) (in this Act referred to as the 1981 Act) paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 (power to cause slaughter of animals because of foot-and-mouth disease) is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit “and” at the end of paragraph (a), and after paragraph (b) insert—
  - “(c) any animals the Secretary of State thinks should be slaughtered with a view to preventing the spread of foot-and-mouth disease.”
- (3) After sub-paragraph (1) insert—
  - “(1A) The Secretary of State may exercise the power under sub-paragraph (1)(c) whether or not animals—
    - (a) are affected with foot-and-mouth disease or suspected of being so affected;
    - (b) are or have been in contact with animals so affected;
    - (c) have been exposed to the infection of foot-and-mouth disease;
    - (d) have been treated with vaccine against foot-and-mouth disease.”

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animal Health Act 2002, Section 1.