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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1982 No. 1626**

### **ANIMALS**

#### **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY**

### **The Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 (Amendment) Order 1982**

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| <i>Made</i>                   | - - - - | <i>16th November 1982</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> |         | <i>17th November 1982</i> |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i>  |         | <i>1st January 1983</i>   |

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) of the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954<sup>(1)</sup> and now vested in them<sup>(2)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with the said section 1(3) with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and with such persons appearing to them to represent agricultural interests as appear to them appropriate, hereby make the following order:—

#### **Title and commencement**

**1.** This order may be cited as the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 (Amendment) Order 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1983.

#### **Amendment**

**2.** In paragraph 6 of the First Schedule to the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954<sup>(3)</sup> (which specifies the ages before which the castration of certain male animals may be carried out without the use of an anaesthetic) for the words “3 months” appearing opposite the word “bull” there shall be substituted the words “2 months”.

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(1) section 1(3) was amended by article 11(2) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).  
(2) By virtue of the order mentioned in footnote (a).  
(3) Paragraph 6 of the First Schedule was amended by section 1(3) of the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1964 (c. 39).

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In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th November 1982.

L.S.

*Peter Walker*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

16th November 1982

*George Younger*  
Secretary of State for Scotland

16th November 1982

*Wyn Roberts*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for  
Wales

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This order amends the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 by reducing the age before which bulls may be castrated without the use of an anaesthetic from 3 months to 2 months.