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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1982 No. 1885

## VETERINARY SURGEONS

**The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment)  
Order 1982**
*Laid before Parliament in Draft*

Made - - - - - 23rd December 1982  
 Coming into Operation 1st January 1983

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 19(5) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (a) and now vested in them (b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with the said section 19(5) with the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and with persons appearing to them to represent interests so appearing to be substantially affected, hereby make the following order, of which a draft has been approved by both Houses of Parliament:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1983.

*Amendment*

2. Schedule 3 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (c) shall be amended by the substitution for Part II of the following—

## "PART II

## EXCLUSIONS FROM PROVISIONS OF PART I

Nothing in section 19(4)(b) of this Act shall authorise—

- (a) the castration of—
- (i) a horse, pony, ass or mule,
  - (ii) a bull, boar or goat which has reached the age of 2 months,
  - (iii) a ram which has reached the age of 3 months, or
  - (iv) a cat or dog which has reached the age of 6 months;
- (b) the removal (otherwise than in an emergency for the purpose of saving life or

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- (a) 1966 c.36; section 27(1) was amended by article 11(2) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).
- (b) By virtue of the order mentioned in footnote (a); and, in the case of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, by virtue of section 40 of, and paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 5 to, the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c.36) and section 1(3) of, and paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (c.28).
- (c) Part II of Schedule 3 was amended by S.I. 1980/1003.

relieving pain) of any part of the antlers of a deer before the velvet of the antlers is frayed and the greater part of it has been shed;

- (c) the desnooding of a turkey which has reached the age of 21 days;
- (d) the removal of the combs of any poultry which have reached the age of 72 hours;
- (e) the cutting of the toes of a domestic fowl or turkey which has reached the age of 72 hours;
- (f) the performance of a vasectomy or the carrying out of electro-ejaculation on any animal or bird kept for the production of food, wool, skin or fur or for use in the farming of land;
- (g) the removal of the supernumerary teats of a calf which has reached the age of 3 months; or
- (h) the dehorning or disbudding of a sheep or goat, except the trimming of the insensitive tip of an ingrowing horn which, if left untreated, could cause pain or distress.”.

*Revocation*

3. The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1980 (a) is hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 21st December 1982.



*Peter Walker,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Food.

*George Younger,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

22nd December 1982.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

22nd December 1982.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 23rd December 1982.

*J. A. Young,*  
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 by substituting a new Part II of Schedule 3. Part II specifies operations which can only be performed by a veterinary surgeon.

The amendments made by this Order are set out in paragraphs (a)(ii) and (iii), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of the new Part II.

(a) S.I. 1980/1003.



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