

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 872

## ANIMALS

## ANIMAL HEALTH

**The Exportation of Pigeons Order 1983**

Made - - - - - 22nd June 1983  
Coming into Operation 23rd June 1983

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 11 of the Animal Health Act 1981 (a) as read with section 87(4) of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order—

*Title and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Exportation of Pigeons Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 23rd June 1983.

*Regulation of exportation of pigeons*

2.—(1) No person shall export any pigeon from Great Britain to a member State except under the authority of a licence issued by the Minister and in accordance with the conditions, if any, of the licence.

(2) Such a licence may be general or specific.

(3) A general licence shall be issued by its publication in such manner as the Minister thinks sufficient to bring it to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.

(4) The Minister may vary, revoke or suspend a licence—

(a) if it is a general licence, by a notice published, so far as practicable, in the same manner as the licence;

(b) if it is a specific licence, by a notice in writing served on the person to whom the licence was issued.

(5) Any person wishing to obtain a licence shall apply to the Minister in such form and manner and within such time as the Minister may require.

*Production of licences*

3. A licence issued under this order shall, on demand, be produced by the person in charge of the pigeons to which the licence relates to an officer of the Customs and Excise or an inspector of the Ministry, who may take a copy or extract from it.

*Offences*

4. A person shall be guilty of an offence against the Animal Health Act 1981 who, without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall lie on him—

(a) 1981 c.22.

- (a) contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this order or any condition of a licence issued under it or
- (b) causes or permits any such contravention or failure to comply.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd June 1983.

(L.S.)

*Michael Jopling,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Food.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order prohibits the exportation of pigeons from Great Britain to a member State of the European Communities except under the authority of a licence issued by the Minister and in accordance with any conditions of the licence.

The order provides for the production of licences for inspection by customs officers and Ministry inspectors.

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