
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1988 No. 2264

ANIMALS

ANIMAL HEALTH

The Zoonoses Order 1988

Made - - - - *21st December 1988*
Coming into force - - *22nd December*
1988

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 sections 1, 7(1), 8(1), 15(4), 29(1) and (2), 72, 86(1) and 88(2) of the Animal Health Act 1981(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Zoonoses Order 1988 and shall come into force on 22nd December 1988.

Interpretation

2. In this Order —

“the Act” means the Animal Health Act 1981;

“animals” means bovine animals, sheep, goats, deer and all other ruminating animals;

“the Ministers” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly.

Designation of bovine spongiform encephalopathy for the purposes of section 29

3.—(1) Bovine spongiform encephalopathy, being a disease of animals which, in the opinion of the Ministers, constitutes a risk within the meaning of section 29 of the Act, is hereby designated for the purposes of that section.

(2) The provisions of the Act listed in the Schedule to this Order shall apply in relation to bovine spongiform encephalopathy with a view to reducing the risk to human health from that disease.684

(1) 1981 c. 22; section 86(1) contains a definition of “the Ministers” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which this Order is made.

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Amendment of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1988

4. In article 2 of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1988(2) the words “in its application to this Order” shall be omitted.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 21st December 1988.

L.S.

Trumpington
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

20th December 1988

Sanderson of Bowden
Minister of State, Scottish Office

20th December 1988

Peter Walker
Secretary of State for Wales

(2) S.I.1988/1039, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

SCHEDULE

Article 3(2)

PROVISIONS OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981 APPLIED IN RELATION
TO BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY WITH A VIEW TO
REDUCING THE RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH FROM THAT DISEASE

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 29 of the Animal Health Act 1981 (“the Act”) empowers Ministers, with a view to reducing the risk to human health from any disease of animals, to make an order designating any such disease which, in their opinion, constitutes such a risk and applying any provision of the Act to that disease.

The Order designates bovine spongiform encephalopathy for the purposes of section 29 (article 3(1)) and applies certain provisions of the Act to bovine spongiform encephalopathy with a view to reducing any risk to human health from that disease (article 3(2) and the Schedule).

The Order also amends article 2 of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1988 so that the definition of “disease” as extended by that article will now apply for all the purposes of the Act without being restricted to the purposes of that Order (article 4).