STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 3293

ANIMALS

The Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendments) Regulations 1992

Made - - - - 23rd December 1992
Laid before Parliament 30th December 1992
Coming into force - 1st January 1993

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secreatry of State being Ministers designated(1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the Economic Community, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendments) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 1st January 1993.

Amendment of the Animal Health Act 1981

2. After section 64 of the Animal Health Act 1981(3) there shall be added the following new section—

"Powers of inspectors relating to Community obligations

- **64A.** In addition to the powers conferred by sections 63 and 64, an inspector (on producing, if required to do so, some duly authenticated document showing his authority) may at all reasonable hours—
 - (a) enter—
 - (i) any land, building, or other place, or
 - (ii) any vessel, boat, aircraft, hovercraft or vehicle of any other description, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of any order made under this Act in implementation of any Community obligation have been or are being complied with, and

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1972/1811.

^{(2) 1972} c. 68.

^{(3) 1981} c. 22; relevant amendments are to be found in the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984 (c. 40) and the Local Government Act (c.51).

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(b) carry out such inspetions (including inspection of documents) as may be necessary for that purpose."

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 23rd December 1992

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John Selwyn Gummer Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Hector Munro
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scotiish
Office

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Animal Health Act 1981 so as to provide powers of entry for inspectors to carry out health, welfare, documentary and other checks required by Community obligations, for example by Council Directives 90/667/EEC laying down veterinary rules for the disposal and processing of animal waste (OJ L363, 27.12.90, p.51) and 91/628/EEC on the protection of animals in transport (OJ L340, 11.12.91, p.17).