
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives a local authority power to serve a notice requiring the temporary clearance from common land of sheep affected with sheep scab (articles 3 and 4). If sheep are not moved in accordance with the notice the local authority may seize them (article 5).

The Order prohibits the movement of sheep affected with sheep scab from any premises other than in accordance with this Order or in other specified circumstances (article 6). It requires a keeper of a sheep affected with sheep scab to treat the animal and all other sheep in the flock, and gives to local authorities powers to serve notices requiring treatment, and default powers if the notice is not complied with (articles 7 and 8). It enables a veterinary inspector to take samples relating to sheep scab (article 9) and enables an inspector to mark the sheep (article 10). It is enforced by the local authority (article 11).

Breach of this Order is an offence under section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981.

A Compliance Cost Assessment has been prepared and placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Animal Health (Disease Control) Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Government Buildings, Hook Rise South, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7NF.