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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 1315**

**The Veterinary Surgery (Artificial Insemination) Order 2007**

**PART 3**

**Artificial insemination of mares**

**Meaning of approved course**

**4.** In this Part—

“approved course” means a training course in the artificial insemination of mares that has been approved, whether before or after the coming into force of this Order, by the Secretary of State after consultation with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons;

“certificate of exemption” has the meaning given by article 7.

**Specification of artificial insemination of mares as a minor treatment etc.**

**5.** The artificial insemination of mares is specified as a minor treatment, test or operation for the purposes of section 19(4)(e) of the Act.

**Exemption from section 19(1): artificial insemination of mares**

**6.** Section 19(1) of the Act does not prohibit a person who is not a veterinary surgeon from carrying out the artificial insemination of a mare, provided that he is aged 18 years or over and—

- (a) is carrying out that artificial insemination under the direct and continuous supervision of a veterinary surgeon as part of an approved course; or
- (b) has been granted, and is acting in accordance with, a certificate of exemption.

**Certificate of exemption: artificial insemination of mares**

**7.—(1)** A person who is not a veterinary surgeon may apply to the Secretary of State for a certificate of exemption in respect of the carrying out of the artificial insemination of a mare.

(2) The application must be—

- (a) in writing; and
- (b) accompanied by a certificate from an approved course provider showing that the applicant has successfully completed an approved course.

(3) The Secretary of State must issue the applicant with a certificate of exemption if he is satisfied that the applicant has—

- (a) successfully completed an approved course; and
- (b) is a fit and proper person to carry out the artificial insemination of mares.

### **Suspension or revocation of a certificate of exemption**

- 8.—(1) A certificate of exemption may be—
- (a) subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State thinks fit, including that the holder must, in every two year period starting with the date on which the certificate is granted—
    - (i) carry out at least five artificial insemination of mares; and
    - (ii) be declared in writing by a veterinary surgeon, who has personally supervised his artificial insemination of a mare, competent to carry out artificial insemination of mares;
  - (b) amended, suspended or revoked in writing at any time, including where the holder—
    - (i) breaches any condition of the certificate;
    - (ii) is convicted of any offence related to his artificial insemination of a mare; or
    - (iii) is no longer, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, a fit and proper person to carry out the artificial insemination of mares.
- (2) The Secretary of State may require any person seeking reinstatement of a certificate of exemption—
- (a) successfully to complete an approved course; and
  - (b) to produce a certificate to that effect, granted by the course provider.

### **Revocation and saving**

- 9.—(1) The Veterinary Surgery (Artificial Insemination of Mares) Order 2004<sup>(1)</sup> is revoked.
- (2) Any certificate of exemption issued under the Veterinary Surgery (Artificial Insemination of Mares) Order 2004 is to be treated as a certificate of exemption for the purposes of this Order.

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(1) [S.I. 2004/1504](#).