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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 2985**

**VETERINARY SURGEONS**

**The Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (Recognition)  
(Switzerland and Croatia) Regulations 2013**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>26th November 2013</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>27th November 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>18th December 2013</i>

The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) in relation to the recognition of higher-education diplomas, formal qualifications, or experience in the occupation, required for the pursuit of professions or occupations(2), in exercise of the powers conferred by that provision, makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (Recognition) (Switzerland and Croatia) Regulations 2013 and come into force on 18th December 2013.

**Amendments of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966**

2. The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(3) is amended as follows—

- (a) in section 5A(10) (registration of Community rights entitled persons: European qualification, evidence of character)(4) for “(3)(d)” substitute “(3)(e)”;
- (b) in section 27(1) (interpretation)—
  - (i) in the definition of “national”(5) for “member” substitute “relevant European”;
  - (ii) in the definition of “relevant European State”(6) after “means” insert “Switzerland or an”;

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(1) 1972 c. 68. Section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).

(2) S.I. 2002/248.

(3) 1966 c. 36.

(4) Section 5A, inserted by article 3(2) of S.I. 1980/1951, was substituted by paragraph 6 of the Schedule to S.I. 2008/1824.

(5) This definition, inserted by article 3(4) of S.I. 1980/1951, was substituted by paragraph 7(b) of the Schedule to S.I. 2003/2919 and amended by article 6(1)(f) and (2)(c) of S.I. 2011/1043.

(6) This definition was inserted by paragraph 15(6) of the Schedule to S.I. 2008/1824.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (Recognition) (Switzerland and Croatia) Regulations 2013. (See end of Document for details)

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(c) in Schedule 1A (registration of Community rights entitled person: European qualification)(7), Table A (recognised European qualifications)—

(i) after the entry relating to Bulgaria insert—

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“Croatia.	Diploma veterinarske medicine / veterinarske (Diploma Veterinary Medicine).	doktor doktorica in	Veterinarski fakultet Sveučilišta Zagrebu (Faculty Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb).	u of of	1/7/2013”;
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(ii) in the entry relating to Switzerland, in the column headed “Reference Date”, insert “1/6/2002”;

(d) in Schedule 1A, Table B (other qualifications acquired prior to member State membership of the European Union), before the entry relating to the Czech Republic insert—

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“Croatia.	A qualification in veterinary medicine—	Both—
	(a) awarded by the former Yugoslavia before 8 October 1991, or	(a) an attestation issued by the competent Croatian authority that the relevant qualification has the same legal validity in Croatia as Croatian qualifications in veterinary medicine as regards access to the veterinary profession and its practice, and
	(b) for which the training started in the former Yugoslavia before 8 October 1991.	(b) a certificate issued by the competent Croatian authority that the person concerned has been effectively and lawfully engaged in veterinary medicine in Croatia for at least three consecutive years during the five years prior to the date of issue of the certificate.”.

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(7) Schedule 1A, originally inserted by article 3(5) of S.I. 1980/1651, was substituted by paragraph 16 of the Schedule to S.I. 2008/1824.

26th November 2013

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend provisions in the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (c. 36) (“the Act”) which implement Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJNo. L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 22) so far as it applies to the practice of veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom.

Regulation 2(a) amends an incorrect cross-reference. Regulation 2(b)(i) extends the definition of a “national” to include all EEA States and Switzerland. Regulation 2(b)(ii) and (c)(ii) provides for the recognition of the Swiss veterinary qualification listed in Schedule 1A to the Act on the same basis as the equivalent veterinary qualifications awarded in the EEA States listed in that Schedule. Regulation 2(c)(i) and (d) provides for the recognition of the Croatian veterinary qualifications inserted into Schedule 1A to the Act, Tables A and B.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as only a minor impact on the public, private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (Recognition) (Switzerland and Croatia) Regulations 2013.