

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2015 No. 772

## The Veterinary Surgery (Exemptions) Order 2015

PROSPECTIVE

### **Farm animals and badgers: blood sampling for control of disease etc.**

**5.**—(1) Section 19(1) of the 1966 Act does not prohibit the taking of blood from farm animals or badgers for use in diagnosis for the control or eradication by the Ministers of infectious disease if the condition in paragraph (2) or (3) is satisfied.

(2) The condition in this paragraph is that the person taking the blood—

- (a) is undergoing instruction in the taking of blood from farm animals or badgers, and
- (b) takes the blood while acting under the direct personal supervision of a qualified person.

(3) The condition in this paragraph is that the person taking the blood—

- (a) is certified by the appropriate Minister as proficient to take blood from farm animals or badgers, having passed such tests or examinations in the taking of blood from farm animals or badgers as are specified in the certificate, and
- (b) takes the blood while acting under the general direction of a qualified person.

(4) Section 19(1) of the 1966 Act does not prohibit the taking of blood from poultry for use in diagnosis for the control or eradication by the Ministers of infectious disease if the condition in paragraph (5) is satisfied.

(5) The condition in this paragraph is that the person taking the blood—

- (a) does so while acting under the general direction of a qualified person, and
- (b) is, in the opinion of that qualified person, competent to take the blood.

(6) “Farm animals” means cattle, sheep, goats and all other ruminating animals and swine.

(7) “Poultry” has the same meaning as in Article 4.

(8) “The Ministers” means the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Secretary of State for Wales and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland (whether acting jointly or otherwise); and “the appropriate Minister” is to be construed accordingly in relation to the territory concerned.

### **Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 5 in force at 1.7.2015, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

**Status:**

This version of this provision is prospective.

**Changes to legislation:**

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- art. 5 coming into force by [S.I. 2015/772 art. 1\(2\)](#)