
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 229

The Pet Travel Scheme (Scotland) Order 2003

Amendment to the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974

11.—(1) The Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974(1) is amended by adding the following provisions.

(2) After article 4B there shall be added—

“The Pet Travel Scheme (Scotland) Order 2003

4C. The provisions of this Order shall not apply in relation to pet cats or pet dogs (within the meaning of the Pet Travel Scheme (Scotland) Order 2003) and brought into Scotland in accordance with the provisions of that Order.”

(3) After article 5B there shall be added—

“Release from quarantine in Scotland

5C.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, if a pet cat or pet dog is in quarantine in Scotland, or has been brought into Scotland and taken into quarantine, the Scottish Ministers may grant a licence authorising its release if they are satisfied that—

- (a) it has been implanted with a microchip, vaccinated against rabies and blood tested in accordance with the Pet Travel Scheme (Scotland) Order 2003 (“the 2003 Order”);
- (b) at least 6 months have elapsed since the blood sample required by the 2003 Order was taken, provided that where that blood sample was taken—
 - (i) at least twenty four hours before release it has been treated by a veterinary surgeon against *Echinococcus multilocularis* and ticks, using a veterinary medicine with a marketing authorisation at an appropriate dosage; and
 - (ii) in the case of treatment against *Echinococcus multilocularis*, the medicine must contain praziquantel as the active ingredient;
- (c) it has not been out of the British Islands, the Republic of Ireland, or the countries or territories listed in Schedule 1 to the 2003 Order in the six months prior to the proposed release date; and
- (d) in the case of a pet cat or pet dog brought from a country or territory listed in Schedule 5 to the 2003 Order—
 - (i) it arrived in Scotland in a sealed container with the seal intact;
 - (ii) the container was sealed by an official authorised by the competent authority of the exporting country;
 - (iii) that official has written the number of the seal on the import licence granted by the Scottish Ministers under article 4(3) above and has stamped the licence with their official stamp; and

(iv) the number on the seal is the same as the number on the licence.

(2) If the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the pet cat or pet dog was not exposed to risk of infection of rabies during its journey, they may authorise the release of the pet cat or pet dog from quarantine notwithstanding that the requirements of paragraph (1)(d) above have not been complied with.

(3) The Scottish Ministers may—

- (a) grant a licence under paragraph (1) unconditionally, or subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified therein; and
- (b) on cause shown, withdraw or revoke such a licence or vary the terms and conditions subject to which it was granted, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done pursuant thereto before such withdrawal, revocation or variation took effect.

(4) In this article, “pet cat”, “pet dog” and “microchip” have the same meaning as they have in the 2003 Order.”.

(4) After paragraph (2) of article 6 there shall be added—

“(3) The requirement to vaccinate against rabies in paragraph (1) above shall not apply in any case where the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that—

- (a) the pet cat or pet dog (within the meaning of the Pet Travel Scheme (Scotland) Order 2003) has been resident for the six months preceding entry into quarantine in the British Islands, the Republic of Ireland or the territories set out in Schedule 1 to that Order; and
- (b) that pet cat or pet dog has been vaccinated against rabies and blood tested in accordance with the requirements of that Order and the period of cover of the vaccination has not expired.”.