EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 ("the 2002 Order").

The 2002 Order imposes movement controls on cattle, sheep, goats, all other ruminating animals (other than camelids) and swine. The main control in the 2002 Order is a bar on moving an animal away from premises unless no other animal has been moved onto those premises in a specified period (the standstill period) before the movement away. The 2002 Order also regulates the holding of exhibitions, markets and shows.

This Order provides that movements from premises in the Islands (as defined in article 2(2)) will be subject to a standstill period of 13 days, and movements from premises in other areas of Scotland will be subject to a standstill period of 20 days.

This Order returns (with one exception) the movement controls and regulation of markets and other gatherings in the Islands to the position applying before 24 August 2007, when the Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/387) ("the 2007 Order") came into force.

That exception is that notification of a show or exhibition in the Islands must be given to the Divisional Veterinary Manager at least 24 hours in advance, as required by the amendment made to article 7 of the 2002 Order by article 2(7)(a) of the 2007 Order.

The movement controls in the 2002 Order applying in the area of Scotland other than the Islands is amended by this Order, so that an animal moved because it comes from premises to which a breeding bull, ram, or goat is moved, is exempted from the standstill period only if the breeding animal is used for that purpose within 28 days after being moved onto the premises (Schedule 2, paragraphs 6 and 17).

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this Order.