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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

POWER TO SLAUGHTER IN RELATION TO CERTAIN DISEASES

Foot-and-mouth disease

- [^{F1}2A. (1) This paragraph applies to any premises which are declared by the relevant authority to be infected premises under any provision which gives effect in relation to England or Wales to Council Directive [2003/85/ EC](#) of 29 September 2003 on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease .
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) and (5), the relevant authority must cause to be slaughtered all susceptible animals kept on the premises.
- (3) The relevant authority may decide not to slaughter susceptible animals kept in—
- (a) a laboratory, zoo, wildlife park or other premises where animals are kept principally for the purposes of display and education of the public, or an enclosed area principally used for shooting; or
 - (b) premises not falling within (a) of a body, institute or centre which—
 - (i) keeps animals only for the purposes of conservation, display and education of the public, or scientific research or breeding of such animals for research, and
 - (ii) is approved by the relevant authority in relation to those animals in accordance with any provision which gives effect in relation to England or Wales to Article 13(2) of Council Directive [92/65/ EEC](#) of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(1) to Directive [90/425/ EEC](#) ; or
 - (c) other premises where susceptible animals are kept for scientific purposes or purposes related to conservation of species or farm animal genetic resources.
- (4) Before considering a decision not to slaughter susceptible animals under sub-paragraph (3), the relevant authority must be satisfied that—
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 - (b) adequate measures are in place to prevent any risk of spreading foot-and-mouth disease virus.
- (5) If the premises consist of two or more separate production units (by virtue of a declaration under sub-paragraph (6)), the relevant authority may decide not to slaughter susceptible animals kept on free units of those premises.
- (6) The relevant authority may by notice served on the occupier declare in respect of any premises that those premises are to be regarded as two or more separate production units.

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- (7) A declaration under sub-paragraph (6) shall not be made unless the Chief Veterinary Officer has advised the relevant authority at the time of a veterinary inquiry into the premises that in her opinion—
- (a) the structure, including the administration, and size of the premises allow in each separate unit for a complete separation of housing and keeping (including air space) for their susceptible animals;
 - (b) the operations on each separate unit, and in particular stable and pasture management, milking, feeding, and removal of dung or manure are completely separated and carried out by different personnel;
 - (c) the machinery, non-susceptible working animals, equipment, installations, instruments and disinfection facilities used in each separate unit are completely separate; and
 - (d) each of paragraphs (a)-(c) has applied continuously for at least—
 - (i) 28 days immediately prior to the earliest date on which the premises were infected with foot-and-mouth disease, if only bovine animals or swine have been kept on the premises within that period, or
 - (ii) 42 days immediately prior to that date, in any other case.
- (8) A declaration under sub-paragraph (6) shall identify, and designate the boundaries of, each separate unit and shall declare every separate unit which is free of disease to be a free unit.
- (9) A unit shall cease to be a free unit if the relevant authority serves a notice on the occupier—
- (a) varying the declaration in respect of it under sub-paragraph (6) such that it is no longer declared to be a free unit; or
 - (b) revoking that declaration.
- (10) The relevant authority shall for animals slaughtered under this paragraph pay compensation as follows—
- (a) where the animal slaughtered was affected with foot-and-mouth disease the compensation shall be the value of the animal immediately before it became so affected;
 - (b) in every other case the compensation shall be the value of the animal immediately before it was slaughtered.
- (11) In this paragraph—
- “Chief Veterinary Officer” means the Chief Veterinary Officer appointed by the relevant authority;
- “relevant authority” means—
- (a) in relation to premises in England, the Secretary of State,
 - (b) in relation to premises in Wales, the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (c) in relation to premises which are situated partly in England and partly in Wales, either the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales, as they agree between them (or, in the absence of agreement, the Secretary of State);
- “susceptible animal” means a cow, sheep, goat, deer, camel, llama, alpaca, guanaco, vicuna, any other ruminant or any swine (that is, a member of the suborder *Suina* of the order *Artiodactyla*).]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 3 para. 2A inserted (E.W.) (10.1.2006) by [Animal Health Act 1981 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3475\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2**
- F2** Sch. 3 para. 2A(4)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Farriers and Animal Health \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/457\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(3)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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