



Animal Health Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 22

PART I

GENERAL

Eradication and prevention of disease

[^{F1}6B Biosecurity compliance

- (1) A person having a function under this Act relating to foot-and-mouth disease or a disease specified by order under section 6A(1) must not exercise the function unless the guidance under section 6A has been published and has not been withdrawn.
- (2) Any act which is done in contravention of subsection (1) is done without lawful authority.
- (3) If a person to whom subsection (5) applies fails to comply with the guidance he is not by reason only of that failure liable in any civil or criminal proceedings.
- (4) But the guidance is admissible in evidence in such proceedings and a court may take account of any failure to act in accordance with it in deciding any question in the proceedings.
- (5) This subsection applies to—
 - (a) any person having functions under this Act;
 - (b) any person who is the owner or occupier of premises on which animals are kept;
 - (c) any person who has charge of animals;
 - (d) any person who is under the direction of a person mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).]

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animal Health Act 1981, Section 6B. (See end of Document for details)*

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 6A - S. 6B inserted (E.W.) (1.7.2003) by [Animal Health Act 2002 \(c. 42\)](#), **ss. 16**, 19(1); S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2(b)

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