



Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 45

General

5 Regulations

- (1) The power to make activity regulations includes power to make—
 - (a) different provision for different purposes or for different relevant parts of the United Kingdom;
 - (b) consequential, incidental, supplementary, transitional or saving provision.
- (2) Activity regulations made by the Secretary of State are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (3) The power of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to make activity regulations is exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 ([S.I. 1979/1573 \(N.I. 12\)](#)).
- (4) The Secretary of State may not make a statutory instrument containing activity regulations (whether alone or with other provision) unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (5) The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs may not make activity regulations unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Northern Ireland Assembly.

6 Interpretation

In this Act—

- “activity regulations” means regulations under section 1(1)(c);
- “animal” means a vertebrate other than a human;
- “appropriate national authority” means—
 - (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State;

- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland—
 - (i) the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, or
 - (ii) the Secretary of State acting with the consent of the Department;“appropriate national legislation” means—
 - (a) in relation to England, the Animal Welfare Act 2006;
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, the [Welfare of Animals Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 16 \(N.I.\)\)](#);references to “offering” to sell include making an invitation to treat;
“relevant part of the United Kingdom” means England or Northern Ireland;
“vertebrate” means any animal of the Sub-phylum Vertebrata of the Phylum Chordata.

7 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023.