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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 2628**

**The Specified Diseases (Notification) Order 1996**

**Notification of spongiform encephalopathy**

- 4.—(1) For the purposes of the Animal Health Act 1981 in its application to this article—
- (a) the definition of “animals” in section 87(1) is hereby extended to comprise—
    - (i) any kind of mammal except man, and
    - (ii) any kind of four-footed beast which is not a mammal;
  - (b) the definition of “poultry” in section 87(4) is hereby extended to comprise birds of all species; and
  - (c) the definition of “disease” in section 88(1) is hereby extended to comprise any form of spongiform encephalopathy.
- (2) A person who, in the course of a laboratory examination of the carcass of any poultry, or of any animal other than a sheep, goat or animal of the bovine species, reasonably suspects the presence of spongiform encephalopathy, shall—
- (a) give notice of that fact as soon as practicable in accordance with article 5(1) below;
  - (b) retain the sample examined and the remainder of the carcass until its disposal is authorised in writing by a veterinary inspector; and
  - (c) if required in writing to do so by a veterinary inspector, surrender any samples in whatever form they are to a veterinary inspector.
- (3) This article shall not apply in relation to any spongiform encephalopathy which has been deliberately introduced into an animal, a carcass or a sample in a laboratory.