
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 2919

VETERINARY SURGEONS

Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications
(European Recognition) Order 2003

Made - - - - 13th November 2003
Laid before Parliament 25th November 2003
Coming into force - - 17th December 2003

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of November 2003

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of Her powers under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972^{M1} is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make the following Order:

Marginal Citations

M1 1972 c. 68.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (European Recognition) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 17 December 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the Act” means the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966;^{M2}

“competent authority” means the authority designated by the member State concerned as competent for the purposes of Article 12 of the Recognition Directive;

“the Council” means the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons;

“the disciplinary committee” means the disciplinary committee of the Council referred to in section 15(2) of the Act

“disqualification decision” has the meaning given in article 5;

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“EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 and by Decision 84/2002 of the EEA Joint Committee;

“member State” means a state which is a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement or Switzerland;”

“national” in relation to a member State, includes any person who, by virtue of any enforceable Community right, is entitled to be treated, for the purposes of access to the veterinary profession, no less favourably than a national of such a State but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services;

“the preliminary investigation committee” means the committee of the Council set up under section 15(1) of the Act;

“the Recognition Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1026/EEC](#) concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council;

“the registrar” means the person appointed under section 9(1) of the Act;

“the Training Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1027/EEC](#) concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of the activities of veterinary surgeons, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council. ^{M3}

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M2 [1966 c. 36](#).

M3 For the EEA Agreement, see O.J. L 001, 3/1/1994; for Decision 84/2002 of the EEA Joint Committee, see O.J. L266 p47; for Directives 78/1026 and 78/1027, see O.J. L 362, 23/12/1978, pp 1-6 and pp 7-9; for Directive 2001/19/EC, see O.J. L 206, 31/7/2001. The Recognition Directive and the Training Directive apply to members of the European Economic Area by virtue of article 30 and by paragraphs 12 and 13 of Annex VII of the EEA Agreement. The Directives apply to Switzerland by virtue of the Agreement between the EC and Switzerland on the free movement of persons: O.J. L114, 30.4.2002 (see [article 9](#) and annex III, section A, paragraphs 11 and 12).

Registration under section 5A

3. The registrar shall not register under section 5A of the Act an applicant who is subject to a disqualifying decision in a member State in which the applicant is or was established in practice as a veterinary surgeon.

Registration under section 5B

4. The registrar shall not register under section 5B of the Act a national of a member State who is subject to a disqualifying decision in any state in which he is or was established in practice as a veterinary surgeon.

Disqualifying decision

5. A disqualifying decision is a decision in respect of a person made by the competent authority of a state or the body responsible in that state for the registration or recognition of veterinary surgeons which—

- (a) is expressed to be made on the grounds that the person has committed a criminal offence or has misconducted himself in a professional respect; and
- (b) results in the person no longer being registered or otherwise officially recognised as a veterinary surgeon, or being prohibited from practising as a veterinary surgeon there.

Referral to the preliminary investigation committee

6. If the registrar is satisfied that a person registered under section 5A or 5B of the Act was subject to a disqualifying decision when he was registered, or has since become subject to a disqualifying decision, the registrar shall refer the case to the preliminary investigation committee.

Referral to the disciplinary committee

7. The preliminary investigation committee may refer any case referred to it under article 6 to the disciplinary committee.

Removal of name from the register

8. If the disciplinary committee is satisfied that a person in such a case is subject to the disqualifying decision and that the grounds on which the decision was made justify it, the disciplinary committee may exercise its powers under section 16(1) of the Act (removal of names from register for crime or disgraceful conduct).

Notification of decision

9. If the disciplinary committee directs that a person's name be removed from the register or that his registration be suspended, the registrar shall notify the person of the direction and of his right to appeal under section 17 of the Act.

Rights of nationals of member States to render veterinary services in the United Kingdom temporarily

10.—(1) If he complies with the requirements of this article it shall be lawful for a national of a member State lawfully practising veterinary surgery in a member State other than the United Kingdom on visiting the United Kingdom to render veterinary services there temporarily without first being registered under the Act.

- (2) A person intending to render such services shall provide the registrar with—
 - (a) a statement in writing giving particulars of the services to be rendered and the period or periods in which he expects to render them; and
 - (b) a certificate (or certificates) issued by the competent authority of a member State bearing a date not less recent than 12 months prior to the date on which it is provided stating—
 - (i) that he is lawfully practising veterinary surgery in a member State other than the United Kingdom; and
 - (ii) that he holds a qualification in veterinary surgery which member States are required by the Recognition Directive to recognise.

(3) In an urgent case, the documents to be provided under paragraph (2) above may be provided after the services have been rendered but shall be provided as soon as possible and in any event not more than fifteen days after the date on which the practitioner first rendered the services.

(4) Where a person complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) above, the registrar shall register him under this article as a visiting European veterinary surgeon for such period or periods

as, having regard to the particulars given in the declaration referred to in paragraph (2)(a) above, he considers appropriate.

(5) The registrar shall keep as part of the register kept under section 2 of the Act a list, to be called the list of visiting European veterinary surgeons, of persons registered from time to time under this article, with their names and qualifications, and the periods for which their registrations are or were effective.

(6) No fee shall be charged and no application shall be required for registration as a visiting European veterinary surgeon and accordingly sections 10 and 11 of the Act (applications and power to charge fees for registration) shall not apply in relation to such practitioners.

(7) Paragraph (1) above does not apply to a person, and that person shall not be registered as a visiting European veterinary surgeon, at a time when he is subject—

- (a) to a disqualifying decision in a member State; or
- (b) to a prohibition imposed on him by the disciplinary committee under article 11 below.

(8) A person shall no longer be registered as a visiting European veterinary surgeon if—

- (a) he becomes established in practice in the United Kingdom as a veterinary surgeon; or
- (b) he renders, save in a case of urgency, veterinary services in the United Kingdom otherwise than in accordance with a declaration made by him under paragraph (2)(a) above.

(9) A national of a member State who complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) above and who renders veterinary services in the United Kingdom without first being registered under the Act or under this article shall be deemed to be registered for the purposes of the following sections of the Act—

- (a) section 19 (restriction of practice of veterinary surgery by unregistered persons); and
- (b) section 20 (restrictions on use of practitioners' titles by unregistered persons).

Disciplinary provisions affecting practitioners who render services while visiting the United Kingdom temporarily

11.—(1) If a national of a member State who is not registered under the Act renders veterinary services while visiting the United Kingdom and—

- (a) is found by the disciplinary committee to have been convicted of a criminal offence in a member State or elsewhere which, in the opinion of the committee, renders him unfit to practise veterinary surgery;
- (b) is judged by the disciplinary committee to have been guilty of disgraceful conduct in any professional respect; or
- (c) is judged by the disciplinary committee to have failed, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the requirements of paragraph (2) of article 10 above,

the committee may, if they think fit, impose on him a prohibition in respect of the rendering of veterinary services in the United Kingdom in the future.

(2) A prohibition imposed under this article shall either relate to a period specified by the disciplinary committee or be expressed to continue for an indefinite period.

(3) Any case in which it is alleged that a person is liable to have a prohibition imposed on him under this article shall first be investigated by the preliminary investigation committee of the Council whose duty it shall be to decide whether the case should be referred to the disciplinary committee, and the disciplinary committee shall not consider a case under this article except on a reference to them under this paragraph.

(4) A person may apply to the Council for termination of a prohibition imposed on him under this article and the Council may, on any such application, terminate the prohibition or reduce the period of it; but no application shall be considered by the Council under this paragraph if it is made—

- (a) earlier than ten months from the date on which the prohibition was imposed; or
- (b) in the period of ten months following a decision made on an earlier application.

Amendment of the Act

12. The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 is amended in accordance with the Schedule.

Revocations

13. The following are revoked—

- (a) Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1980 ^{M4};
- (b) Medical, Nursing, Dental and Veterinary Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1982 ^{M5};
- (c) Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (Spanish and Portuguese Qualifications) Order 1987; ^{M6}
- (d) Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991 ^{M7};
- (e) Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (Amendment) Order 1993 ^{M8}.

Marginal Citations

- M4** S.I. 1980/1951.
- M5** S.I. 1982/1076.
- M6** S.I. 1987/447.
- M7** S.I. 1991/1218.
- M8** S.I. 1993/596.

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Clerk of the Privy Council

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SCHEDULE

Amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

1. In section 2 (register of veterinary surgeons), in subsection (2), for paragraph (a) there is substituted—

“(a) one, to be called the general list, of persons entitled to be registered in the register under section 3, 4, 5A or 5B of this Act;”.

2. For section 5A (right of holders of recognised European qualifications to be registered), there is substituted—

“5A Right of holders of recognised European qualifications to be registered

5A

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and any Order in Council under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, a person who is a national of a member State shall be entitled to be registered in the register, and on being so registered shall become a member of the College, if —

- (a) he holds a Scheduled European qualification in veterinary surgery (other than one falling within paragraph (b)) which was granted in a member State on or after the date on which that State implemented the Recognition Directive; or
- (b) he holds a Scheduled European qualification in veterinary surgery which was granted in a member State before that State implemented the Recognition Directive or on or after that date but in respect of training commenced before that date, and he produces to the registrar—
 - (i) a certificate from the competent authority of that State stating that the qualification meets the requirements of the Training Directive; or
 - (ii) a certificate from the competent authority of a member State stating that the holder has effectively and lawfully practised veterinary surgery for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of the certificate; or
- (c) he holds a qualification in veterinary surgery (other than a Scheduled European qualification) granted in a member State, and he produces to the registrar—
 - (i) a certificate from the competent authority of that State stating that the qualification meets the requirements of the Training Directive and is treated by that State as equivalent to a Scheduled European qualification; or
 - (ii) (where that qualification was awarded before that State implemented the Training Directive or on or after that date but in respect of training commenced before that date), a certificate from the competent authority of a member State stating that the holder has effectively and lawfully practised veterinary surgery for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of the certificate.

(2) A person holding a qualification as to training received in the territory of the former German Democratic Republic which does not satisfy the requirements laid down by the Training Directive shall not be entitled to be registered by virtue of that qualification unless—

- (a) the qualification indicates that such training commenced before German unification;

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- (b) the qualification indicates that the holder is entitled to practise as a veterinary surgeon throughout the territory of Germany to the same extent as the holder of the German State examination certificate in veterinary medicine; and
- (c) he produces to the registrar a certificate from the competent German authority stating that he has effectively and lawfully practised veterinary surgery in Germany for at least three consecutive years during the five years preceding the date of issue of the certificate.

(3) The registrar shall give notice to an applicant for registration under this section of whether or not, in the opinion of the registrar, he is entitled to be so registered; and shall do so within three months of—

- (a) the date on which the registrar received his application; or
- (b) if for the purpose of determining the application the registrar reasonably required the applicant to produce further documents or particulars, the date on which the registrar received them.

(4) If the registrar refuses to register the applicant, the notice shall include —

- (a) the reasons for his refusal; and
- (b) notice of the applicant's right to appeal under section 5C of this Act.

(5) If the registrar fails to give notice to the applicant under subsection (3) of this section within the period of three months referred to there, the registrar shall be deemed to have refused to register him on the last day of that period.

(6) For the purposes of this section a member State is to be regarded as having implemented the Recognition Directive and the Training Directive on the dates notified to the Commission as those on which it did so.”

3. After the new section 5A, there is inserted—

“Applications by nationals of member States who do not have Scheduled European qualifications

5B

(1) A national of a member State who is not entitled to be registered under section 5A of this Act may apply to be registered under this section.

(2) If such an applicant shows to the satisfaction of the registrar that he has the requisite knowledge and skill to fit him for practising veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom, he shall be entitled to be registered in the register, and upon being so registered shall become a member of the College.

(3) In determining an application under this section, the registrar shall take into account—

- (a) any veterinary qualifications, veterinary training and professional experience in veterinary surgery acquired by the applicant, whether in a member State or elsewhere; and
- (b) any acceptance by a member State other than the United Kingdom, for the purposes of the applicant carrying out veterinary surgery in that member State, of a qualification granted to the applicant in a state which is not a member State.

(4) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 5A of this Act apply for the purposes of this section as they apply for the purposes of that.”

4. After the new section 5B, there is inserted—

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“Appeals on refusal to register

5C

(1) A person may appeal to the Council if his application for registration under section 5A or 5B of this Act is refused.

(2) An appeal under subsection (1) of this section shall be brought within three months of—

- (a) the date on which the applicant receives the notice referred to in subsection (3) of section 5A of this Act or, as the case may be, that subsection as applied by section 5B(4); or
- (b) if, under subsection (5) of section 5A of this Act, or that subsection as applied by section 5B(4), the applicant’s application is deemed to have been refused, the date of the deemed refusal.

(3) An appeal under subsection (1) of this section shall be referred to the registration appeals committee which may—

- (a) dismiss the appeal;
- (b) allow the appeal and quash the decision appealed against;
- (c) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made; or
- (d) remit the case to the registrar to dispose of in accordance with the directions of the committee.

(4) The registration appeals committee shall, within 28 days of making a decision, give notice of its decision to the applicant.

(5) A notice under subsection (4) shall—

- (a) give reasons for the decision of the registration appeals committee; and
- (b) refer to the applicant’s right to appeal to the appropriate court against the decision of the registration appeals committee.

(6) A person may appeal to the appropriate court against the decision of the registration appeals committee within 28 days of the date on which he was notified of that decision.

(7) In subsections (5), (6) and (9), the “appropriate court” is—

- (a) a county court; or
- (b) in the case of a person whose address in the register would, if he were registered, be in Scotland, the sheriff in whose sheriffdom the address is situated.

(8) The Council of the College may appear as respondent on any such appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of any such appeal, shall be deemed to be a party to the appeal whether they appeared at the hearing or not.

(9) On an appeal to the appropriate court under this section, the court (or the sheriff) may—

- (a) dismiss the appeal;
- (b) allow the appeal and quash the decision of the registration appeals committee;
- (c) substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made by the registration appeals committee; or
- (d) remit the case to the registration appeals committee to dispose of in accordance with the directions of the court,

and may make such order as to costs (or in Scotland, expenses), as it (or he) thinks fit.”

5. After the new section 5C, there is inserted—

“Registration appeals committee

5D

(1) The Council shall set up a committee of the Council to be known as the registration appeals committee which shall be charged with considering and determining appeals under section 5C(1) of this Act.

(2) The registration appeals committee shall consist of five members of the Council, not more than three of whom shall be members of the College.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the registration appeals committee shall be three, not more than two of whom shall be members of the College.

(4) The Council shall make rules relating to the appointment of members of the registration appeals committee, the constitution of that committee and the procedure to be followed in relation to appeals to that committee, including provision as to any rules of evidence to be observed in such appeals.”

6. In section 6 (qualification for registration as a Commonwealth or foreign practitioner) for subsection (6) there is substituted—

“(6) No person shall be registered under this section if he is entitled to be registered under section 5A or 5B of this Act.”.

7. Section 27(1) (interpretation) is amended as follows—

(a) The definition of “Commonwealth qualification” and “foreign qualification” is omitted.

(b) For the definition of “national”, there is substituted—

“national” in relation to a member State, includes any person who, by virtue of any enforceable Community right, is entitled to be treated, for the purposes of access to the veterinary profession, no less favourably than a national of such a State, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services.

(c) The following definitions are inserted in the appropriate places in alphabetical order—

“Commonwealth qualification” means a qualification granted in a place outside the United Kingdom which is within the Commonwealth;

“EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 and by Decision 84/2002 of the EEA Joint Committee;

“foreign qualification” means a qualification granted in a place outside the United Kingdom and outside the Commonwealth;

“member State” means a state which is a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement or Switzerland;

“the Recognition Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1026/EEC](#) concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council;

“registration appeals committee” means the committee of the Council referred to in section 5D of this Act;

“Scheduled European qualification” means a qualification set out in Schedule 1A to this Act;

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“the Training Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1027/EEC](#) concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of the activities of veterinary surgeons, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council. ^{M9}

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8. For Schedule 1A (recognised European qualifications in veterinary surgery), there is substituted the following.

“Schedule 1A

Recognised European Qualifications in Veterinary Surgery

Country	Title of qualification	Awarding body	Certificate accompanying qualification
Austria	– Diplom-Tierarzt – Magister medicinae veterinariae	University	1. Doktor der veterinarmedizin 2. Doctor medicinae veterinariae 3. Fachtierarzt
Belgium	– Diploma van dierenarts – Diplome de docteur en medecine veterinaire	1. De universiteiten/ les universites 2. De bevoegde Examencommissie van de Vlaamse Geneemschap/le Jury competent d'enseignement de la Communaute francaise	
Denmark	Bevis for bestaet kandidatsamen i veterinaervidenskab	Kongelige Veterinaer- og Landbohojskole	
Finland	Elainlaaketieteen lisensiaattin tutkinto/	Helsingin yliopisto/ Helsingfors universitet	

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France	Diplome d'Etat de docteur veterinaire		
Germany	Zeugnis uber dan Ergebnis des Dritten Aschnitts der Tierarzlichen Prufung und das Gesamtergebnis der Tierarztlichen Prufung	Der Vorsitzende des Prufungsausschusses fur die Tierarztliche Prufung einer Universitat oder Hochschule	
Greece	Πτυχίο Κτηνιατρικής (Ptikio Ktiniatrikis)	Faculty of Geotechnical Sciences of the Aristotle University of Saloniki or the School of veterinary medicine of the Aristotle University of Saloniki	
Iceland	Recognised European Qualifications awarded in other member States		Certificate on completed practical training from the competent authority
Ireland	– Diploma of Bachelor in/or Veterinary Medicine (MVB) – Diploma of Membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS)		
Italy	Diploma di laurea in medicina veterinaria	Universita	Diploma di abilitazione all'exercizio della medicina veterinaria
Liechtenstein	Recognised European Qualifications awarded in other member States		Certificate on completed practical training from the competent authority
Luxembourg	Diplome d'Etat de docteur en medecine veterinaire	Jury d'examen d'Etat	
Netherlands	Getuigschrift van met goed gevolg afgelegd diergeneeskundig/		

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Norway	Vitnemal for fullfort grad Candidata/ candidatus medicinae veterinariae	Norwegian College of Veterinary Medicine. Norgest veterinaerhogskole
Portugal	Carta de curso de licenciatura em medicina veterinaria	Universidade
Spain	Titulo de Licenciado en Veterinaria	Ministerio de Educacion y Cultura/ El rector de una Universidad
Sweden	Veterinarexamen	Sveriges Landbruksuniversitet
Switzerland	Eidgenossisch diplomierter tierarzt/ titulaire du diplome federal de veterinaire/ titolare di diploma federale di veterinario	Federal Department of Home Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

1. This Order, made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, implements the provisions of Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. L206, 31/7/2001) relating to the mutual recognition of veterinary qualifications. By virtue of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (“EEA”) (O.J. L 001, 3/1/1994) and of the Agreement between the EEA and Switzerland on the free movement of persons (O.J. L114, 30.4.2002), these provisions apply to EEA States and to Switzerland. The Order comes into force on 17 December 2003.

2. This Order amends the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 and revokes the Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1951). Provisions previously contained in that Order are reproduced, with some amendments, in this Order.

3. The effect of the Order is to implement the provisions of Directive [2001/19/EC](#) and to extend them to all states in the EEA and to Switzerland. It also provides for all veterinary qualifications, training and experience acquired by applicants for registration who are EEA or Swiss nationals to be taken into account, whether these have been obtained in the EEA or Switzerland or elsewhere (in a new section 5B of the Act, inserted by paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Order).

4. Articles 3 to 11 contain provisions on the effect of disqualification in other states on registration in the United Kingdom and on the rights of EEA and Swiss nationals to render veterinary services temporarily in the United Kingdom.

5. Article 12 and the Schedule to the Order amend the Act as follows:

- a new section 5A provides that EEA and Swiss nationals with the qualifications set out in the new Schedule 1A to the Act are entitled to be registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and to become members of the College (paragraphs 2 and 8 of the Schedule);
- a new section 5B provides for the consideration of applications from EEA and Swiss nationals with other qualifications, training and professional experience (paragraph 3 of the Schedule);
- a new section 5C provides a system of appeal if an application is refused or a decision on the application is not reached within the stipulated period (paragraph 4 of the Schedule);
- a new section 5D provides for the setting up of a registration appeals committee (paragraph 5 of the Schedule);
- consequential amendments to section 6(6) of the Act (which relates to Commonwealth and foreign qualifications) and to section 27 of the Act (interpretation provisions) are made by paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Schedule;
- a new Schedule 1A listing recognised European qualifications in veterinary surgery. is substituted (paragraph 8 of the Schedule to the Order).

6. Article 13 of the Order revokes the Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1951) and other statutory instruments which have previously amended the Act: the Medical, Nursing, Dental and Veterinary Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1076); the Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (Spanish and Portuguese Qualifications) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/447); the Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (German Democratic Republic Qualifications) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1218) and the Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) (Amendment) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/596).

7. A transposition note setting out how the main relevant elements of the Directive are transposed into law has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. Copies are also available from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' Animal Health and Welfare Division, Room 602, 1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ.

8. A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared in respect of this Order.

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