

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (APPROVED DISINFECTANTS) (FEES) (ENGLAND)
ORDER 2007

2007 No. 2203

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 The Statutory Instrument replaces the Diseases of Animals (Fees for the testing of Disinfectants) Order 2005. The new Order increases the fees payable for the testing of disinfectants.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 The Order increases the fees payable for the testing of disinfectants. These fees were last increased in 2005.

4. Legislative Background

4.1 The Animal Health Act 1981 and the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 2007 (made under the 1981 Act) provide for the Secretary of State to approve disinfectants for use in certain circumstances and against certain animal diseases if they can demonstrate efficacy during laboratory testing. The Animal Health Act 1981 provides legislative power to charge for testing.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

7.1 Veterinary disinfectants are a vital component of animal disease control strategies, both in the everyday prevention of disease and in controlling diseases spread during epidemic outbreaks. Defra has put in place a statutory mechanism under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 2007. This allows disinfectants to be placed on an approved list for the control of different diseases if they demonstrate efficacy during testing.

8. Impact

8.1 An Impact Assessment is not required for Statutory Instruments that simply change fees.

8.2 Approximately 90 interested parties were informed of the increase in fees by letter on 30 May; no comments or feedback has been received.

9. Contact

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