
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006 ([S.I. 2006/1471](#)) (“the principal Regulations”).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 16(4) of the principal Regulations so as to give effect to the extension until 1st April 2007 of the current European Union ban on the import of captive birds from outside the European Union. The ban is provided for in Community legislation under Commission Decision [2005/760/EC](#) concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain third countries for the import of captive birds (OJNo. L285, 28.10.2005, p. 52), as amended, in particular by Commission Decision [2005/862/EC](#) and by Commission Decision [2007/21/EC](#) (OJ No. L7, 12.01.2007, p.44), which gives effect to the extension of the ban.

No regulatory impact assessment has been produced for these Regulations in view of the urgency required to give effect to the extension of the ban on the import of captive birds.