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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 364**

**The Brucellosis (England) Order 2015**

**Interpretation**

**2.—(1)** In this Order—

“the Act” means the Animal Health Act 1981;

“abortion or premature calving” means an abortion or calving which takes place less than 271 days after service or insemination, or 265 days after implantation or transfer of an embryo, whether the calf is born dead or alive;

“approved laboratory” means a laboratory approved by the Secretary of State to carry out testing for brucellosis of milk bought or offered for sale in England;

“approved veterinary surgeon” means a veterinary surgeon who is approved in accordance with article 3;

“bovine animal” means a bull, cow, heifer or calf but does not include a steer;

“brucellosis” means the disease caused by *Brucella abortus*, otherwise known as contagious abortion;

“full-term calving” means a calving which takes place 271 days or more after service or insemination, or 265 days or more after implantation or transfer of an embryo, whether the calf is born dead or alive;

“officer” means an approved veterinary surgeon or other officer of the Secretary of State;

“premises” includes land with or without buildings;

“reactor” means a bovine animal which develops a reaction consistent with it being infected with brucellosis when tested for that disease;

“slaughterhouse” means—

- (a) any premises used for the commercial slaughter or killing of animals, whether or not the flesh of those animals is intended for sale for human consumption;
- (b) any place on those premises available for the confinement of animals while awaiting slaughter; and
- (c) any place on those premises available for keeping products of the slaughter of animals or for subjecting those products to any treatment or process;

“steer” means a castrated bull or male calf aged four months or over;

“veterinary surgeon” means a veterinary surgeon (or veterinary practitioner) registered under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(1);

**(2)** A notice, approval or licence issued under this Order—

- (a) must be in writing;
- (b) may be issued subject to conditions; and
- (c) may be amended, suspended, withdrawn or revoked in writing at any time.

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