This Statutory Instrument, in part, corrects errors in S.I. 2020/1481 and 2021/1443. It is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of those instruments.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 20

ANIMALS FOOD PLANT HEALTH TRADE

The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024

Made	8th January 2024
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The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by-

- (a) paragraph 11A of Schedule 2 to the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011(1), and
- (b) Article 144(6) of, and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex 6 to, Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products(2) ("the Official Controls Regulation").

S.I. 2011/1197; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2019/1488, 2020/109, 1462, 1631, 2021/429, 443, 453, 809, 1096, (1) 1443, 2022/1315, 1322. Paragraph 11A of Schedule 2 is inserted by S.I. 2020/1631 and enables the Secretary of State to amend, modify or revoke any retained direct minor EU legislation made under Article 8(4) of Council Directive 2002/99/ EC laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption (O.J. No. L 18, 23.1.2008, p.11) ("the 2002 Directive"). S.I. 2020/1666, which is amended by regulation 3 of this instrument, modifies Commission Decision 2000/572/EC laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of minced meat and meat preparations from third countries (EUDN 2000/572). Commission Decision 2000/572/EC (O.J. No. L 240, 23.9.2000, p.19) was adopted under Council Directive 94/65/ EC laying down the requirements for the production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations (O.J. No. L 368, 31.12.1994, p.10) ("the 1994 Directive"), but is to be construed as being made under the 2002 Directive by virtue of provision in Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L 157, 30.4.2004, p.33) ("the 2004 Directive"). The 2004 Directive, which repealed the 1994 Directive, provided in Article 4 that references to certain Directives, including the 1994 Directive, should be construed as being made, as the context demands, to the 2002 Directive; accordingly, that rule of construction has the effect that the power in paragraph 11A of Schedule 2 to S.I. 2011/1197 to modify retained direct minor EU legislation made under Article 8(4) of the 2002 Directive extends to the modification of Commission Decision 2000/572/EC

⁽²⁾ EUR 2017/625. Article 144 was substituted by S.I. 2020/1481. Annex 6 was inserted by S.I. 2020/1481 for the purposes of its application in relation to the entry of relevant goods from a relevant third country during the transitional staging period. The

In accordance with Article 144(7) of the Official Controls Regulation, before making these Regulations, the Secretary of State has consulted such bodies and persons as appear to the Secretary of State to be representative of the interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations and such other bodies or persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

In accordance with Article 3(2B) of the Official Controls Regulation, the Welsh Ministers, in relation to the application of these Regulations in relation to Wales, and the Scottish Ministers, in in relation to the application of these Regulations in relation to Scotland, have consented to the making of these Regulations by the Secretary of State.

terms "relevant goods", "relevant third country" and "the transitional staging period" are defined in paragraph 2 of Annex 6, as amended by S.I. 2022/1315 and 2023/959. Annex 6 was amended by S.I. 2021/429, 809, 2022/621, 1315 and 2023/959, 1131. It was also amended in relation to England and Wales by S.I. 2021/1096, 1443 and in relation to Scotland by S.S.I. 2021/342, 493 and 2022/90. The power in paragraph 3 of Annex 6 was inserted by S.I. 2022/1315.