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1 (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) below, this...

Power to make orders as to substances to which this Schedule applies

2 (1) The Ministers may make orders for the following purposes—...

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Licences to manufacture

- 3 (1) The following provisions shall have effect with respect to...

Licences to import

- 4 The issue of a licence to import a substance the...

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- 3 (1) The Minister may, if he thinks fit, in any...

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- 4 (1) The Minister may, if he thinks fit, in any...

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4 In section 16(3) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1963...

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6 In paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 5(1) of...

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7 In section 13(5) of the Agriculture Act 1967 for “Diseases...

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—...

Transport Act 1968

9 In paragraph 7(2)(b) of Schedule 16 to the Transport Act...

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10 In section 106(6) of the Agriculture Act 1970 for “Diseases...

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11 In the Slaughterhouses Act 1974— (a) in section 20(5) for...

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