

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This Order amends the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 insofar as it applies to England only, by specifying that a pig may only be castrated without anaesthetic before it has reached the age of 8 days. This amendment is required in order to implement Commission Directive [2001/93/EC](#) (OJ L 316 1.12.2001 p.36). It replaces the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) (Amendment) Order 2003 which was defective and which was revoked by the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I.[2002/3215](#)). Conditions that apply to the keeping of pigs are contained in the Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000 as amended.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Order 2003.