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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 563**

**ANIMALS**

ANIMAL WELFARE

The Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act  
2022 (Commencement) Regulations 2023

Made - - - - 19th May 2023

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 6(2) of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022 (Commencement) Regulations 2023.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

**Provisions coming into force on 22nd May 2023**

2. Sections 1 to 5 of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022 come into force on 22nd May 2023.

19th May 2023

*Benyon*  
Minister of State  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural  
Affairs

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations bring into force the remaining provisions of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act [2022 \(c. 22\)](#) (“the Act”) that did not come into force on the day on which the Act was passed. Those provisions (sections 1 to 5 of the Act) come into force on 22nd May 2023.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.