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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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made).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.