

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2019

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to accompany the Statutory Rule and is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2 The Statutory Rule is made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.
- 1.3 This Statutory Rule is due to come into operation on 30th October 2019.

2. Purpose of the instrument

- 2.1 The Statutory Rule makes minor miscellaneous amendments to domestic legislation relating to animal disease and trade in animals and related products to deal with out-of-date references to European Union (EU) instruments. These references require updating because they refer to instruments that have been recently amended. The Statutory Rule also corrects a minor grammatical error to the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006. As such, it makes technical amendments which allow the relevant legislation to operate effectively. It makes no policy changes.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Statutory Rule primarily amends out-of-date references to EU instruments in EU derived domestic legislation. It also makes a minor grammatical correction to domestic legislation. As such, the Statutory Rule ensures a functioning statute book which will assist the reader in his or her understanding of the law.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The Statutory Rule makes purely technical amendments and no policy changes. A consultation on its content is not, therefore, considered necessary.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1 The Department is required under section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 to screen the proposed changes to ascertain if an Equality Impact Assessment is required. A screening exercise was, therefore, carried out on the Statutory Rule. No equality issues were identified.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment is not considered necessary. The Statutory Rule makes technical amendments only and will not impact on businesses, charities or voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1 The Department is satisfied that the Statutory Rule complies with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9.1 None.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1 The Statutory Rule is not necessary for parity elsewhere.

11. Additional Information

11.1 N/A.