
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Foot and Mouth Disease Order 1983 (“the 1983 Order”). The effect is to allow inspectors to prohibit by notice the entry of any person (with exceptions) onto any land or into any agricultural building in a controlled area, for the purposes of preventing the spreading of foot and disease.

The Order also allows local authorities in areas where foot and mouth disease has been confirmed to make declarations prohibiting the movement of persons into or out of specified areas except on public roads.

Contravention of the 1983 Order is an offence under section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981 and persons found guilty of such an offence are liable to a fine of up to £5,000.

The whole of Scotland is a controlled area by virtue of the Foot and Mouth Disease Declaratory (Controlled Area) (Scotland) Order ([S.S.I. 2001/49](#)).