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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 174**

**The Zoo Licensing Act 1981  
Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2003**

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**18.** In section 14 (dispensation for particular zoos)–

(a) in subsection (1)–

(i) at the beginning insert “Subject to subsection (1A),”; and

(ii) for “size of” substitute “number of animals kept in”;

(b) after subsection (1) insert–

“(1A) The Scottish Ministers may only make a direction under subsection (1) where they are satisfied that it is not prejudicial to the protection of wild animals and the conservation of biodiversity to do so.”;

(c) in subsection (3) at the beginning insert “Subject to subsection (3A),”; and

(d) after subsection (3) insert–

“(3A) The Scottish Ministers may only vary a direction made under subsection (1) where they are satisfied that it is not prejudicial to the protection of wild animals and the conservation of biodiversity to do so.”.