
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and re-make with amendments the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2007.

They implement Commission Decision [2007/554/EC](#) concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom dated 9th August 2007, as amended by Commission Decision [2007/588/EC](#) dated 24th August 2007, Commission Decision [2007/608/EC](#) dated 13th September 2007, and Commission Decision [2007/664/EC](#) dated 12th October 2007.

They regulate—

- the importation to, dispatch from, transit through, and export from Scotland of live animals (regulations 4 and 5),
- the export of meat from bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine and other biungulate animals (regulation 6),
- the export of meat originating from animals reared outside Great Britain (regulation 7),
- the export of meat products, milk and dairy products (regulations 9, 10 and 11),
- the export of semen, ova or embryos of bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine and other biungulate animals (regulation 12),
- the export of hides and skins (regulation 13), and
- the export of various animal products (regulation 14(1)(a)).

The prohibitions on dispatch under these Regulations do not apply to certain animals or products as specified in the applicable regulations.

Further, the prohibition does not apply to products produced outside the United Kingdom that remain in their original packaging, or produced in the United Kingdom from pre-processed products originating elsewhere (regulation 15).

They create offences relating to personal export and of offering to export anything which it is prohibited to export under the Regulations (regulations 17 and 18).

They provide for the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles used to transport live animals susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease (regulation 19)

They provide powers in respect of enforcement (regulation 20) and create offences of obstruction and providing false information (regulations 22 and 23).

They provide for sharing of information relating to these Regulations (regulation 27).

The Regulations are enforced by the Scottish Ministers or the local authority (regulation 28).

Breach of the Regulations is an offence, punishable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations.