

## **EXECUTIVE NOTE**

### **The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 5) Regulations 2007 S.S.I. 2007/473**

The above instrument was made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 on 12 October 2007 and is subject to negative resolution procedure.

#### **Policy Objective**

The policy objective in introducing this legislation is to implement Commission Decision 2007/663/EC of 12 October 2007, which further amends Commission Decision 2007/554/EC of 9 August 2007 (“the FMD Decision”).

The FMD Decision applied import and export restrictions to live animals and animal products of susceptible species, as a consequence of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Surrey on 3 August 2007.

The amendment to the FMD Decision introduced by the new Commission Decision allows the export from Scotland of frozen semen and embryos from sheep and goats subject to certain conditions. It also provides derogated provisions for certification requirements for animal products that have been subjected to specified heat treatments or produced outside of Great Britain, and for certain types of pet food .

#### **Consultation**

The Decision was adopted on 12 October and came into effect immediately. Stakeholders affected by these Regulations have not been consulted as they implement EU obligations.

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