

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export and Movement Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 SSI/2007/518

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 2007/746/EC of 19 November 2007, which further amends Commission Decision 2007/554/EC of 9 August 2007 (“the FMD Decision”).

The FMD Decision applied import and export and movement controls to live animals and certain products of susceptible species, as a consequence of the outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in Surrey during 2007.

The FMD Decision as further amended directs control measures a high risk area in the South East of England. It enables the export from the rest of Great Britain of certain animal products (such as meat), products of animal origin (such as milk) and animal by-products (such as hides). It continues to restrict for the time being the export of live animals and reproductive material (such as semen) from Great Britain.

The principal amendments to the FMD Decision introduced by the new Commission Decision that affect Scotland are –

- Special conditions governing the movement of FMD susceptible animals have been lifted.
- Imports of FMD susceptible animals is now allowed.
- The meat of wild game from anywhere in Scotland can now be exported (also subject to conditions).

Consultation

The Decision was adopted on 19 November and came into effect immediately. Stakeholders affected by these Regulations have not been consulted as they implement EU obligations.

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