

2011 No. 164

ANIMALS

**The Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011**

Made - - - - *21st February 2011*

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 20(5)(b) and 51(2)(b) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006^(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 20(6) of that Act, they have consulted such persons appearing to them to represent relevant interests, and such other persons, as they consider appropriate.

In accordance with section 51(3) of that Act, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Scottish Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 and come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

Amendment of the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2010

2.—(1) The Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2010^(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 4 (sheep), in column 1 (procedure), in the entry relating to docking of a farmed sheep kept on agricultural land, insert at the end—

“3) Docking may only be performed where sufficient tail is retained to cover the vulva in the case of female sheep and the anus in the case of male sheep.”.

(a) 2006 asp 11.
(b) S.S.I. 2010/387.

(3) In Schedule 7 (deer), in column 1 (procedure), in the entry relating to removal of antlers, insert at the end—

“Condition—

Antler removal may only be performed where the velvet is frayed and the greater part of it shed.”.

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21st February 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 to insert conditions to be applied to two exempted procedures.

Regulation 2(2) inserts a condition specifying the length of a sheep's tail which must be retained when it is docked.

Regulation 2(3) inserts a condition relating to the requirements which must be met before a deer's antlers may be removed.

A business and regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities or the voluntary sector.

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