
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Tuberculosis in Specified Animals (Scotland) Order 2015

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Animal Health Act 1981;

“affected animal” means a specified animal which is affected with tuberculosis of the udder or is giving tuberculous milk or is affected with tuberculous emaciation or is excreting or discharging tuberculous material or is affected with a chronic cough or shows any other clinical signs of tuberculosis;

“approved disinfectant” means a disinfectant approved by the Scottish Ministers for use against tuberculosis under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Scotland) Order 2008(1), used at the dilution rate stipulated in the approval and in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions;

“approved veterinary surgeon” means a veterinary surgeon who is approved in accordance with article 3;

“authorised veterinary inspector” means a veterinary inspector authorised by the Scottish Ministers to receive information about affected or suspected animals or the carcasses of such animals;

“carcase” includes any part of a specified animal;

“deer” means deer of any species that are managed by a keeper (including deer that are managed on enclosed park land);

“inconclusive reactor” means a specified animal in respect of which the results from a relevant test are not negative but do not indicate that it is a reactor;

“keeper” means any person who owns or has possession or charge of a specified animal or carcase, whether on a permanent or temporary basis;

“milk” includes cream and separated or skimmed milk;

“premises” includes land with or without buildings;

“reactor” means a specified animal that produces a reaction consistent with its being affected with tuberculosis when tested for that disease;

“relevant test” means a tuberculin skin test or any other diagnostic test for tuberculosis approved by the Scottish Ministers;

“specified animal” means a deer, goat, pig, sheep, alpaca, guanaco, llama or vicuña;

“suspected animal” means a specified animal that is suspected of being infected with tuberculosis and includes a reactor and a specified animal exposed to the infection of tuberculosis;

“tuberculosis” means infection with *Mycobacterium bovis* (*M. bovis*); and

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“veterinary surgeon” means a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner registered under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966⁽²⁾.

(2) A reference in this Order to anything done in writing or produced in written form includes a reference to an electronic communication, as defined in section 15(1) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000⁽³⁾, which has been recorded and is consequently capable of being reproduced.

(2) 1966 c.36, relevantly amended by S.I. 1980/1951, S.I. 2003/2919 and S.I. 2008/1824.

(3) 2000 c.7; section 15(1) was amended by the Communications Act 2003 (c.21), section 406 and Schedule 17, paragraph 158.