
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 20 of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”) provides that it is an offence for a person to carry out a prohibited procedure on a protected animal, unless the procedure is carried out for the purpose of medical treatment of the animal or is specified in regulations. The Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (“the principal Regulations”) specify procedures which are not carried out for the purpose of medical treatment of an animal and to which section 20 of the 2006 Act does not apply.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amend the principal Regulations to allow the ear tagging of bovine animals for the purpose of genetic analysis, in addition to the purposes of identification and the screening or routine or random testing of those animals for disease (as currently).

Regulation 3 of these Regulations revokes regulation 2(2) of the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012.