POLICY NOTE

THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) ORDER 2022

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The above instrument was made by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by section 53(1) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and all other powers enabling them to do so. The instrument is subject to the affirmative procedure.

Purpose of instrument: This instrument amends and repeals primary legislation and amends and revokes secondary legislation. The amendments, repeals and revocations are consequential to the purposes of, or in connection with, the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.

Policy objectives

The key objective of the instrument is to deliver a number of consequential amendments to remove references to repealed/revoked enactments in certain provisions on the statute book and, where appropriate, insert equivalent references to provisions included in the 2021 Regulations into such provisions. Specifically, the amendments are consequential to the coming into force of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provisions) Order 2020 and The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

Consultation

No consultation was necessary as the proposed instrument does not introduce any new policy, nor does it introduce any new obligations. It simply delivers a number of consequential amendments to reflect changes in statute.

Impact assessments

Given the limited affect and scope of this instrument no Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) is necessary.

The amendments introduced by this instrument do not have any data protection implications and accordingly no consultation with the Information Commissioner's Office was necessary.

No equality impact assessment has been undertaken as this instrument does not affect people with 'protected characteristics' (race, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment and religion or belief).

Financial effects

No financial effects associated with the introduction of this instrument have been identified and none are anticipated.

Post-implementation review

No post-implementation review is necessary given the limited affect and scope of the instrument.

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