
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 944

ANIMALS

ANIMAL HEALTH

The Racing Pigeons (Vaccination) Order 1994

Made - - - - *25th March 1994*

Coming into force - - *1st April 1994*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 1, 8(1), and 88(4)(a) of the Animal Health Act 1981⁽¹⁾ and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Racing Pigeons (Vaccination) Order 1994 and shall come into force on 1st April 1994.

(2) The purpose of this Order is to give effect to article 17(3) of Council Directive [92/66/EC](#) of 14 July 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease⁽²⁾ so far as it relates to racing pigeons.

Extension of definition of “disease”

2. For the purposes of the Animal Health Act 1981 in its application to this Order the definition of “disease” in section 88(3) of that Act is hereby extended to include paramyxovirus 1 in pigeons.

Racing pigeons

3.—(1) An organiser of a pigeon show or race which takes place wholly or partly in Great Britain shall ensure that all racing pigeons entered for the race or show have been vaccinated with a suitable vaccine against paramyxovirus 1 in pigeons.

(2) “Racing pigeon” means any pigeon transported or intended for transport from its pigeon house (that is, any installation used for keeping or breeding racing pigeons) to be released so that it may freely fly back to its pigeon house or to any other destination.

(1) 1981 c. 22. Section 86(1) contains a definition of “the Ministers”.

(2) O.J. No. L260, 5.9.92, p.1.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

Enforcement

4. The provisions of this Order shall be executed and enforced by the local authority.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 25th March 1994.

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Gillian Shephard
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

24th March 1994

Hector Monro
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish
Office

24th March 1994

John Redwood
Secretary of State for Wales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order implements Council Directive [92/66/EEC](#) introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease (O.J. No. L260, 5.9.92, p.1) so far as it requires vaccination of racing pigeons.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the Order is an offence under section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981.

A Compliance Cost Assessment has been prepared and a copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.