
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 1673

The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000

PART I

Introduction

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England and Wales) Regulation 2000 and shall come into force on 28th July 2000.

(2) In these Regulations—

Unless the context otherwise requires, any expressions used have the meaning they bear in Council Directive [90/425/EEC](#) concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the single market⁽¹⁾, Council Directive [91/496/EEC](#) laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries⁽²⁾, both of which have been amended by the legislation listed in Schedule 1, and, for cattle and pigs, Council Directive [64/432/EEC](#) on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine⁽³⁾;

“assembly centre” means holdings, collection centres and markets, to which bovine animals, swine, sheep or goats originating from different holdings are grouped together to form consignments of animals intended for intra-Community trade and approved by the Minister (or in Wales the National Assembly for Wales) in accordance with regulation 12;

“border inspection post” means, in relation to a species of animal, a place specified in relation to that species in Schedule 2;

“dealer” means any person who buys and sells animals commercially either directly or indirectly, who has a regular turnover of these animals and who within 30 days of purchasing animals resells or relocates them from the first premises to other premises not within his ownership;

“European international instruments” means the Act of Accession to the European Communities of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland⁽⁴⁾, the Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on the European Economic Area between the European Communities, their Member States and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden, and the Swiss Confederation⁽⁵⁾ and the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Kingdom

(1) OJNo. L224, 18.8.90, p.29 as read with the provisions listed in Schedule 1.

(2) OJ No. L268, 24.9.91, p.56 as read with the provisions listed in Schedule 1.

(3) See Council Decision [97/12/EC](#) (OJ No. L109, 25.4.97, p.1) as read with the provisions listed in Schedule 1.

(4) OJ No. L73, Special Edition, 27.3.72.

(5) OJ No. L1, 3.1.94, p.1.

of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded(6);

“herd” means an animal or group of animals kept as an epidemiological unit;

“import” means import into England or Wales;

“inspector” means a person appointed to be an inspector for the purposes of these Regulations by the Minister (or in Wales the National Assembly for Wales) or a local authority, and when used in relation to a person so appointed by the Minister (or in Wales the National Assembly for Wales) includes a veterinary inspector;

“local authority” means—

- (a) as respects each London borough (except in relation to imported live animals), unitary authority, metropolitan district or non-metropolitan county, the council of that borough, unitary authority, district or county;
- (b) as respect the City of London, and for all London boroughs in relation to imported live animals, the Common Council;
- (c) in Wales, the council of each county or county borough;

“Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

“place of destination” means the address or addresses to which the consignment is consigned by the consignor;

“required consignment documentation” means any certificates or other documents which are required by these Regulations to accompany the consignment;

“veterinary inspector” means a person appointed as a veterinary inspector by the Minister (or in Wales the National Assembly for Wales).

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to a Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires, is a reference to a Schedule to these Regulations.

(4) Any reference in these Regulations to an instrument of the European Community is to that instrument as amended at the time these Regulations are made.

(5) A notice or approval under these Regulations shall be in writing, may be made subject to conditions and may be amended, suspended or revoked in writing at any time.

(6) These Regulations shall extend to England and Wales only.

Exception

2. These Regulations shall not apply to veterinary checks on movements of pets (other than equidae) accompanied by and under the responsibility of a natural person, where such movements are not the subject of a commercial transaction.

Enforcement

3.—(1) Except where otherwise expressly provided, these Regulations shall be executed and enforced by the local authority.

(2) The Minister (or in Wales the National Assembly for Wales) may direct, in relation to cases of a particular description or a particular case, that any duty imposed on a local authority under paragraph (1) above shall be discharged by the Minister (or in Wales the National Assembly for Wales) and not by the local authority.

(6) OJ No. C241, 29.8.94, p.21, as amended by OJ. No. L12, 1.1.95, p.1.

