
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order 1983 (the “1983 Order”) (S.I.1983/1950 as last amended, in relation to England, by S.I. 2001/2238) in relation to England, by inserting a Part IIIA (new articles 29C and D) under which the Ministers may declare an area to be an infected area (a “restricted infected area”) to which the provisions set out in that part will apply.

The provisions which will apply to a restricted infected area are the same as those which apply in the case of an infected area declared under Part III of the 1983 Order but subject to the variations set out in new articles 29C and D and any variations and exceptions provided for in the order declaring that restricted infected area. In particular there are additional cleansing and disinfection requirements (article 29D) in relation to the movement of people onto and off premises where animals are kept and cleansing and disinfection requirements on persons who tend animals. The owner or occupier of premises where animals are kept is also required to maintain disinfectant footbaths at every exit from his premises. Additional cleansing and disinfection requirements apply in relation to vehicles moving onto and off premises which are not predominantly used as domestic dwellings where animals are kept and movements of milk, fodder and other animal feed onto and off such premises can only be made under the authority of a licence issued by an inspector of the Minister and in accordance with its terms.

As well as further minor and consequential amendments, the Order also amends article 32 of the 1983 Order so as to permit an inspector to license movements of carcasses, manure, slurry and litter out of a knacker’s yard in a controlled area declared under Part IV of the 1983 Order. In addition article 37A of the 1983 Order is amended so as to permit the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to revoke by declaration a prohibition on access to land or buildings which has been imposed under that article.