

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

1. This Order, which extends to England and Wales, provides that avian influenza and Newcastle disease are diseases to which section 16A of the Animal Health Act 1981 (“the Act”), as amended by the Animal Health Act 2002 c. 42 (slaughter of vaccinated animals) applies (article 2). It provides that, for the purposes of section 62D of the Act (tests and samples: powers of entry), the definition of disease includes avian influenza and Newcastle disease (article 3). It amends Schedule 3 to the Act, adding to the categories of poultry which may be slaughtered in England and Wales any poultry which the Secretary of State thinks should be slaughtered with a view to preventing the spread of avian influenza or Newcastle disease (article 4).

2. A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared in respect of this Order.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease (England and Wales) Order 2003.