

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (EXPORT RESTRICTIONS) REGULATIONS**

**2007 No. 2489**

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Description**

2.1 These Regulations put into force emergency disease control measures to prevent the export of the foot-and-mouth disease virus to other European Member States and to Third Countries.

**3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

3.1 We have broken the 21 day rule as this is an emergency disease control measure for which we need urgent enforcement powers to implement.

**4. Legislative Background**

4.1 These Regulations bring into force controls on the export of live animals and animal products as set out in Commission Decision 2007/554/EC concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom and amended by Commission Decision 2007/588/EC.

**5. Territorial Extent and Application**

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

**6. European Convention on Human Rights**

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

**7. Policy background**

7.1 These Regulations revise the emergency disease control measures to prevent the export of the foot-and-mouth disease virus to other European Member States and Third Countries. The Regulations reflect amendments to Commission Decision 2007/554/EC, limiting the control of exports to from the surveillance zone, rather than exports from Great Britain as a whole.

## **8. Impact**

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it is an emergency disease control measure.

## **9. Contact**

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