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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Community Drivers' Hours and Working Time (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (Amendment) Regulations 2007

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>31st October 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>2nd November 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>5th November 2007</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(a).

She has been designated(b) for the purposes of section 2(2) in relation to the regulation and supervision of working conditions of persons engaged in road transport and to measures relating to the organisation of working time.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Community Drivers' Hours and Working Time (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 5th November 2007.

Amendment of the Community Drivers' Hours and Working Time (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2007

2.—(1) The Community Drivers' Hours and Working Time (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2007(c) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1(1), for "5th November 2007" substitute "19th November 2007."

(3) In regulation 2(1):

- (a) in the definition of "the circumstances", after the phrase "the exceptional circumstances" add "in Scotland"; and
- (b) in the definition of "the specified purpose", after the phrase "pigs, cattle and sheep" add "from any place in Scotland".

(a) 1972 c.68.

(b) S.I. 1975/1707 and 1997/1174.

(c) S.I. 2007/2904.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Tom Harris
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department for Transport

31st October 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Community Drivers' Hours and Working Time (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2007 ("the Principal Regulations") temporarily relax certain rules in relation to drivers' hours and working time. These relaxations allow the driving of goods vehicles for longer periods than would normally be allowed. They apply only for the purpose of moving pigs, cattle or sheep to meet or alleviate the effects of the exceptional circumstances arising in consequence of restrictions on the movement of those animals imposed as a result of the outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain.

Regulation 1(1) of the Principal Regulations provides that the Principal Regulations will cease to have effect on 5th November 2007.

These Regulations extend the provisions of the Principal Regulations for a further 14 days in relation to drivers undertaking work wholly or mainly for the purpose of moving pigs, cattle or sheep from premises in Scotland in connection with meeting or alleviating the effects of the exceptional circumstances in Scotland. This extension does not apply to work undertaken for the purpose of moving animals from premises in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.

The Principal Regulations, as so amended, will therefore continue in force in relation to such drivers until midnight between 18th and 19th November 2007.

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no significant impact on the costs of business.

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