
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 3154

The Bluetongue Order 2007

PART 1

Introduction

Title, application and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Bluetongue Order 2007; it applies in England and comes into force at 6.00 pm on 2 November 2007.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“animal” means a ruminating animal, and “carcase”, “embryo”, “ovum” and “semen” mean the carcase, embryo, ovum and semen of such an animal;

“premises” includes any place; and

“midge” means an insect of the genus *Culicoides*.

(2) Any authorisation, licence, notice or direction under this Order must be in writing, may be subject to conditions and may be amended, suspended or revoked by notice in writing at any time.

Extension of the definition of “disease”

3. The definition of “disease” in section 88(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981 is extended to include bluetongue.

Exemptions

4.—(1) This Order does not apply to bluetongue virus possessed under a licence issued under the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 1998(1).

(2) It does not apply to quarantine centres or quarantine facilities approved under the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006(2).

(1) S. I. 1998/463.

(2) S. I. 2006/1471.