

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE MILK (CESSATION OF PRODUCTION) (REVOCATION) SCHEME**  
**2007**

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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 This Scheme abolishes the Cessation of Production and Partial Cessation of Production Schemes for England and Wales in respect of England only, and the Cessation of Production and Partial Cessation of Production Schemes for Scotland. Separate legislative changes will be made in respect of Wales and Northern Ireland.

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

3.1 None.

**4. Legislative Background**

4.1 This Scheme is made under section 1 of the Milk (Cessation of Production) Act 1985.

4.2 It revokes the Milk (Partial Cessation of Production) (England and Wales) Scheme 1986 and the Milk (Cessation of Production) (England and Wales) 1987 in relation to England only.

4.3 It also revokes the Milk (Partial Cessation of Production) (Scotland) Scheme 1986 and the Milk (Cessation of Production) (Scotland) Scheme 1987.

**5. Extent**

5.1 The instrument applies to England and Scotland.

**6. European Convention on Human Rights**

6.1 The Minister has made the following statement regarding Human Rights:

In my view the provisions of the Milk (Cessation of Production) (Revocation) Scheme 2007 are compatible with the Convention rights.

## **7. Policy Background**

- 7.1 The milk quotas system is based in Community law and currently applies to some 20,000 milk producers and 170 milk purchasers in the UK. Under the system all Member States are allocated a national milk quota. When milk quotas were introduced in 1984 the national quota for the United Kingdom was considerably lower than the level of milk production immediately before their introduction. These Schemes were introduced to provide encouragement to milk producers to cease production. They were wound up administratively before 1994.
- 7.2 A formal consultation on the abolition of the Schemes was not carried out as they ceased operating before 1994.

## **8. Impact**

- 8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment in respect of this instrument has not been prepared as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

## **9. Contact**

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