
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The African Horse Sickness (England) Regulations 2012

PART 3

Suspicion and confirmation of African horse sickness

Measures following suspicion – contact premises

10.—(1) This regulation applies where contact premises are designated as suspect premises.

(2) If any horse on the premises shows clinical signs of African horse sickness during the relevant period, a veterinary inspector—

- (a) must take samples from it and have them tested, and
- (b) may take samples from any other horse or carcase on the premises and have them tested.

(3) If no horse on the premises shows clinical signs of African horse sickness a veterinary inspector—

- (a) must monitor as appropriate all horses on the premises until the end of the relevant period, and
- (b) may take samples from any horse or carcase on the premises and have them tested.

(4) If no horse on the premises has shown clinical signs of African horse sickness at any time during the relevant period and the Chief Veterinary Officer is satisfied following any tests under this regulation that it is no longer appropriate for the premises to remain designated as suspect premises, a veterinary inspector must revoke the notice served under regulation 8(2).

(5) Where that notice is revoked, the measures in the Schedule cease to have effect, except for the purposes of paragraph 1(4)(a) of that Schedule.

(6) Paragraph (7) applies where the Chief Veterinary Officer is satisfied as a result of—

- (a) any test carried out under this regulation,
- (b) any clinical signs in any horse on the premises, or
- (c) any epidemiological connection to infected premises,

that African horse sickness virus is present in a horse or carcase or on the premises.

(7) Where this paragraph applies, a veterinary inspector must serve a notice on the main occupier declaring the premises to be infected premises⁽¹⁾.

(8) Where a notice has been served under paragraph (7), the measures in the Schedule continue to have effect.

(9) The notice served under paragraph (7) may require the main occupier to erect and maintain such signs on the premises as may be required by a veterinary inspector.

(1) See also the power of the Secretary of State under regulation 18 to declare a control zone, protection zone and surveillance zone.

(10) If the Chief Veterinary Officer considers it necessary to reduce the risk of spread of African horse sickness virus the notice may require measures additional to those in the Schedule and paragraph (9).

(11) In this regulation, “the relevant period” is the period determined by the Chief Veterinary Officer to be necessary for establishing whether or not African horse sickness is present in a horse or carcase on the premises.