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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 3039**

**The Animals (Scientific Procedures)  
Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012**

**Re-use of protected animals**

14. For section 14(1) substitute—

**“14 Re-use of protected animals**

(1) A protected animal that has been subjected to one or more regulated procedures must not be used for a further regulated procedure unless the Secretary of State has consented to such further use and the following conditions are met.

(2) The first condition is that—

- (a) the actual severity of the regulated procedure, or each of the regulated procedures, previously applied to the animal has been classified in accordance with conditions included in a project licence by virtue of paragraph 23 of Schedule 2C, and
- (b) in a case where more than one regulated procedure has previously been applied to the animal, the actual severity of no more than one of those procedures has been classified as “severe”.

(3) The second condition is that a veterinary surgeon with knowledge of the lifetime experience of the animal has advised that the animal’s general state of health and well-being has been fully restored following the application of the previous procedure or procedures.

(4) The third condition is that—

- (a) the further procedure is to be applied as part of a programme of work specified in a project licence; and
- (b) the likely severity of the further procedure was classified by the Secretary of State under section 5B(3)(c) as “non-recovery”, “mild” or “moderate”.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (1), the consent of the Secretary of State may relate to the specific animal concerned or may relate to animals used in specified procedures or specified circumstances.

(6) But in the case of an animal that has been subjected to a regulated procedure the actual severity of which has been classified as “severe”, the consent of the Secretary of State must relate to the specific animal concerned and the Secretary of State may give consent only if—

- (a) the Secretary of State has consulted a veterinary surgeon who has examined the animal about whether consent should be given; and
- (b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances that justify the animal being used for the further regulated procedure.

(7) For the purposes of this section, a series of regulated procedures applied to an animal for a particular purpose is to be treated as constituting a single regulated procedure.”

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