

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular in section 8(2) (b), (d) and (f)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Part 2 contains fifteen Chapters that confer on the Secretary of State functions of a legislative function relating to the approval of third countries for the export of animals, germinal products and animal products to the United Kingdom so as to be exercisable with the consent of the Welsh Ministers, the Scottish Ministers and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. These functions correspond to functions conferred on the European Commission, for the most part by EU Directives but also by Regulation [\(EC\) No 854/2004](#).

Part 3 contains provision in relation to the making of regulations for the purposes of Part 2.

Part 4 amends the Import of and Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/795).

Part 5 includes amendments to domestic trade-related instruments, the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/1197) and the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011 No. 438).

Part 6 amends regulation 4 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Animal Welfare (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/454).

Schedule 1 lists the animal health criteria, and Schedule 2 lists the public health criteria, for the purposes of regulations 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 16.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Legislative Functions) and Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.