

WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 1662

The African Horse Sickness (Wales) Regulations 2013

PART 4

Slaughterhouses

Action following examination

15.—(1) This regulation applies where a veterinary inspector has acted under regulation 14(3).

(2) If a veterinary inspector is satisfied that African horse sickness virus does not exist in any horse or carcase at the slaughterhouse a veterinary inspector must confirm this (orally or otherwise) to the person in charge of the slaughterhouse.

(3) If the presence of African horse sickness virus cannot be ruled out, a veterinary inspector—

- (a) may by notice served on the person in charge of the slaughterhouse vary the controls applicable under regulation 14(2) or imposed by notice under regulation 14(4),
- (b) may take samples and test them to establish the presence of that virus at the slaughterhouse⁽¹⁾.

(4) If the Chief Veterinary Officer is satisfied that tests carried out under this regulation demonstrate that African horse sickness virus is not present in the slaughterhouse a veterinary inspector must confirm this (orally or otherwise) to the person in charge of the slaughterhouse.

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

- (a) any test carried out under this regulation, or
- (b) any clinical signs in any horse at the slaughterhouse or any other premises where any horse at the slaughterhouse has recently been,

that African horse sickness virus is present in a horse or carcase at the slaughterhouse.

(6) Where this paragraph applies, the Welsh Ministers must ensure that all carcasses of infected horses are disposed of in such a way as to avoid the risk of spread of African horse sickness virus⁽²⁾.

(7) Where confirmation is given under paragraph (2) or (4), or following the disposal of carcasses under paragraph (6)—

- (a) any controls applicable under regulation 14(2) (and, where applicable, as varied under paragraph (3)(a)) cease to have effect,
- (b) any notice served under regulation 14(4) (and, where applicable, as varied under paragraph (3)(a)) is revoked.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 15 in force at 31.7.2013, see [reg. 1\(c\)](#)

(1) See also the power of the Welsh Ministers under regulation 17 to declare a temporary movement restriction zone.

(2) See also the power of the Welsh Ministers under regulation 18 to declare a control zone, protection zone and surveillance zone.

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