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ANIMALS, ENGLAND

ANIMAL HEALTH

The Animal Health Act 1981 (Extension of Definition of Disease) (England) Order 2026

Made - - - - at 12.24 p.m. on 28th April 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1)

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 88(2) of the Animal Health Act 1981(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Animal Health Act 1981 (Extension of Definition of Disease) (England) Order 2026 and comes into force immediately after it is made.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Extension of the definition of "disease"

2. For the purposes of the Animal Health Act 1981, as it applies in England, the definition of "disease" in section 88(1) of that Act is extended so as to include swine vesicular disease.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

At 12.24 p.m. on 28th April 2026

(**a**) 1981 c. 22. Functions conferred by the Act on "the Ministers" and "the appropriate Minister" (as defined in section 86 of that Act) were transferred, so far as exercisable by the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales, to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by the Transfer of Functions (Agriculture and Food) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3141) and were then further transferred to the Secretary of State by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/794).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends, for the purposes of the Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22), the definition of "disease" in section 88(1) of that Act so as to include swine vesicular disease. This Order applies in England only.

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

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