POLICY NOTE

THE ANIMAL HEALTH (NOTIFICATION AND CONTROL MEASURES) (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (SCOTLAND) (NO. 2) ORDER 2021

SSI 2021/456

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 1, 15(5), and 17(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981 and all other powers enabling them to do so.

The instrument is to be laid only.

Purpose of the instrument:

The Animal Health (Notification and Control Measures) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2021 makes technical changes to the following legislation:

The Diseases of Poultry (Scotland) Order 2003 is amended in order to narrow the range of species of birds to which notification requirements for avian chlamydiosis and avian mycoplasmosis respectively apply.

The Foot and Mouth Disease (Scotland) Order 2006 is amended to allow the Scottish Ministers discretion as to whether to declare a temporary control zone around premises suspected of being infected with foot and mouth disease.

Policy Objectives

- To amend the Diseases of Poultry (Scotland) Order 2003 in order to narrow the range of species to which the notification for avian chlamydiosis and avian mycoplasmosis respectively apply. This will remove the obligation to triage cases of these diseases in all birds, consequently saving resource within the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

- To substitute the word "shall" for "may" in article 15(1) of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Scotland) Order 2006 to align with the rest of GB and allow Scottish Ministers greater flexibility as to whether they implement Temporary Control Zones (TCZs) around a premises when foot and mouth disease (FMD) is suspected.

Consultation

Previous consultation for these amendments took place collectively with UK-wide stakeholders at industry Core Group meetings.

Further consultation is not required, as these amendments are minor, consequential changes that are technical in nature.

Impact Assessments

Full Impact Assessments have not been prepared for The Animal Health (Notification and Control Measures) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No.2) Order 2021, as no, or no

significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. The amendments do not alter the Scottish Government's current environmental policies and priorities and, therefore, do not have a significant impact on the environment. No Data Impact Assessment has been completed, as there have been no risks identified with data protection law.

Financial Effects

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands confirms that no BRIA is necessary, as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government, or on businesses.

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