EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCT (IMPORT AND EXPORT) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT (No.2) REGULATIONS 2006 SSI/2006/450

The above Regulations were made in exercise of powers conferred by section 2(2) and Schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The Regulations implement Commission Decision 2006/542/EC on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export.

The effect of the Decision is to extend the period registered horses are allowed to remain out of the country. Currently, registered horses are only permitted to stay out of the country for 30 days. This Decision extends the period they are permitted to be temporarily exported to 60 days to enable them to take part in the Endurance World Cup or the Asian Games.

Those events have already started and some horses have already been exported to facilitate acclimatisation. Therefore, it is considered necessary to bring this Instrument into force as soon as possible to ensure that horses affected by the Decision can remain temporarily exported for 60 days.

Similar legislation is being introduced in England and Wales.

FINANCIAL AFFECTS

There are no financial implications with this amendment.