**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

**THE CATTLE IDENTIFICATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS**

**2007 No. 1046**

**1.** This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

## 2. Description

2.1 An amending Regulation to SI 2007/529, The Cattle Identification Regulations 2007.

## 3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

3.1 None.

## 4. Legislative Background

4.1 A deficiency has been identified in the new SI 2007/529 which comes into force on 6 April 2007. An offence for failure to comply with the notification requirement in paragraph 3(1) and 3(3) of the regulation which deals with notification of a holding for the keeping of cattle to the Secretary of State was omitted. This SI creates the omitted offence.

## 5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England. The Scottish Executive, and the National Assembly for Wales are considering their position. Northern Ireland is unaffected by these changes.

## 6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

## 7. Policy background

7.1 A full review and consolidation of the previous Regulations on cattle identification and tracing took place in 2006. The EM for SI 2007/529 explains the full regulations. The new SI will come into force on 6 April 2007.

## 8. Impact

8.1 The impact of this change is low and does not require a Regulatory Impact Assessment.

## 9. Contact

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