STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 8

ANIMALS

The Diseases of Animals Act 1950 (Metrication) Regulations 1981

Made - - - -	*7th January* 1981
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Coming into Operation	*5th February* 1981

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 7 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976**(a)** and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them appropriate as representing any interests concerned, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 (Metrication) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 5th February 1981.

Amendment of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950

2. The Diseases of Animals Act 1950**(b)** shall be amended as follows:—

(i) in section 37(4A)(*a*) (which relates to restrictions on export of ponies)**(c)**, for "12 hands" there shall be substituted "122 centimetres", and for "10½ hands" there shall be substituted "107 centimetres";

(ii) in section 78(1)(vii) (which relates to the offence of throwing diseased carcases in rivers, etc.), for "three miles" there shall be substituted "4.8 kilometres";

(iii) in section 79(1)(*c*) (which relates to penalties for certain offences), for "half ton" there shall be substituted "508 kilogrammes", and for "one half ton" there shall be substituted "the first 508 kilogrammes"; and

(iv) in the definition of "pony"**(d)** in section 84(4), for "14½ hands" in both places where it occurs there shall be substituted "147 centimetres".

Consequential provision

3. Without prejudice to the operation of section 17 of the Interpretation Act 1978**(e)**, Article 3(2) of the Export of Horses and Ponies (Increase in Minimum Values) Order 1978**(f)** shall have effect as if the references to 12 hands were references to 122 centimetres and the references to 10½ hands were references to 107 centimetres.

(a) 1976 c. 55. **(b)** 1950 c. 36.
(c) Section 37(4A) was inserted by section 1(*a*) of the Ponies Act 1969 (c. 28).
(d) The definition was inserted by section 1(*c*) of the Ponies Act 1969.
(e) 1978 c. 30. **(f)** S.I. 1978/1748.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th January 1981.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

George Younger,
Secretary of State.

7th January 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend sections 37(4A)(*a*), 78(1)(vii), 79(1)(*c*) and 84(4) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 by substituting for the imperial measurements mentioned in those sections the nearest suitable metric equivalents.

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