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The Microchipping of Dogs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

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The Secretary of State, being the appropriate national authority in relation to England, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006(**a**), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with section 12(6) of that Act, the Secretary of State has consulted such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to represent interests concerned as he considers appropriate.

In accordance with section 61(2) of that Act, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations—

(a) may be cited as the Microchipping of Dogs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022; and

(b) come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

Amendment of the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015

2. In regulation 1 of the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015(**b**) (citation, commencement, cessation and application), in paragraph (c), for "seven" substitute "nine".

Name
Minister of State
Date Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

(**a**) 2006 c. 45. Section 61(2) was amended by section 1(3) of the Animal Welfare (Service Animals) Act 2019 c. 15. Section 62(1) defines the "appropriate nation authority" in relation to England as the Secretary of State.
(**b**) S.I. 2015/108.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/108) ("the Microchipping Regulations 2015").

The Microchipping Regulations 2015 require that, from 6th April 2016, subject to exceptions, all keepers of dogs in England must have their dog microchipped with their details and their dog's details recorded on a database. They set standards for the microchips and mandatory conditions for database operators. They also establish a regime to enforce breaches of the statutory requirements.

Regulation 2 amends the Microchipping Regulations 2015 to extend the period during which they apply, so that they continue to have effect until the end of the period of nine years, rather than seven years, beginning with the day on which they came into force.

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

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