EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS (MISCELLANEOUS REVOCATIONS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2007

2007 No. [XXXX]

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 These Regulations are made under section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968. They revoke instruments made under the same power, the substance of which is now being replaced by provisions in the Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007.

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

3.1 None

4. Legislative Background

4.1 These Regulations are required as a consequence of the making of the Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

The Minister for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare (Ben Bradshaw) has made the following statement regarding Human Rights:

In my view the provisions of The Welfare of Animals (Miscellaneous Revocations) (England) Regulations 2007 are compatible with the Convention rights.

7. Policy background

7.1 These Regulations will revoke existing provisions that are being replaced by provisions in the Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007. This separate SI is needed because there are insufficient powers to make these revocations under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, under which the Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007 are being made. The policy was fully consulted on in relation to the latter Regulations.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as all related assessment was undertaken in relation to the Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007.

9. Contact

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