EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE IMPORT AND EXPORT RESTRICTIONS (FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE) (No.2) REGULATIONS 2007

2007 No. 2375

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 put into force emergency disease control measures to prevent the export of the foot-and-mouth disease virus to other European Member States and to control imports of live animals susceptible to the virus.

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

3.1 We have broken the 21 day rule as this is an emergency disease control measure for which we need urgent enforcement powers to implement.

4. Legislative Background

4.1 These Regulations bring into force controls on the import and export of live animals and animal products as set in Commission Decision 2007/554/EC concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom and revoking Commission Decision 2007/552/EC.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

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

7. Policy background

7.1 These Regulations revise the emergency disease control measures to prevent the export of the foot-and-mouth disease virus to other European Member States and to control imports of live animals susceptible to the virus. The amendments reflect the changes to the EU Decision and changes requested by enforcement officers.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it is an emergency disease control measure.

9. Contact

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