EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE POULTRY COMPARTMENTS (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2010
SSI 2010/150

1. This instrument is made under sections 1 and 8 of the Animal Health Act 1981, and paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 to, the European Communities Act 1972. It is not subject to parliamentary procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. This instrument implements Commission Regulation (EC) No. 616/2009 ("the Commission Regulation") which makes provision for the approval of poultry compartments.

Policy Background

3. The objective of the Commission Regulation is to facilitate trade in poultry and poultry products in the event of an outbreak of avian influenza.

4. The Commission Regulation places responsibility for the operation of the scheme on the Competent Authority. Article 3 of the Order designates the Scottish Ministers as the Competent Authority.

5. The Competent Authority is required to arrange inspections of proposed compartments to ensure that they meet the standards of biosecurity, and re-inspections to ensure that these are maintained. Article 5 of the Order confers powers on inspectors who carry out such inspections.

Consultation

6. The poultry industry was involved at all stages in the development of the scheme.

Financial Implications

7. There will be no cost implications for the public sector from the making of this Order. There will be costs for any producer applying for approval under the scheme but as it is a voluntary scheme producers will be accepting these costs.

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