EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2007 SSI/2007/304

The above instrument was made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

Policy Objective

The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 implement for Scotland Council Directive 97/78/EC laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third (i.e. non EU) countries. The list of products to be examined at border inspection posts under Council Directive 97/78/EC was set out in Commission Decision 2002/349/EC which has now been repealed and replaced with a revised list set out in Commission Decision 2007/275/EC.

The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 contain a definition of "product" which refers to the Commission Decision that is being repealed. Consequently the Regulations must be amended to take account of the new Commission Decision or else there could be confusion as to what constitutes a "product" under the Scottish Regulations.

Main Changes

In regulation 2 (Interpretation) there is inserted a definition of "composite product" which is a new definition contained in Commission Decision 2007/275/EC. The existing definition of "product" is replaced by references to the relevant Chapters of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC.

Regulation 4(8) is amended to refer to Commission Decision 2007/275/EC.

In Schedule 1, Part VIII which lists miscellaneous products that may be imported, a new paragraph 20 is inserted referring to composite products.

Consultation

There has been no consultation on the changes as they implement EU obligations.

Financial Effects

There are no cost implications for Central Government arising from the making of these amendments, nor will there be any economic impact on industry.

Rural Directorate