WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 900 (W.93)

ANIMALS, WALES

The Animal Gatherings (Wales) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*22 March 2010*
Coming into force - -	*1 April 2010*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1, 7, 8 and 83(2) of the Animal Health Act 1981(**1**), make the following Order.

Title, application and commencement

1. The title of this Order is The Animal Gatherings (Wales) Order 2010. It applies in relation to Wales and comes into force on 1 April 2010.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"animals" ("*anifeiliaid*") means cattle (excluding bison and yak), deer, goats, sheep and pigs;

"animal area" ("*man i anifeiliaid*") means any area on the licensed premises to which animals may be given access at an animal gathering;

"animal gathering" ("*crynhoad anifeiliaid*") means an occasion at which animals are gathered for one or more of the following purposes—

(a) a sale, show or exhibition;

(b) collection for onward consignment within Great Britain;

(c) inspection to confirm the animals possess specific breed characteristics;

"approved disinfectant" ("*diheintydd a gymeradwywyd*") means a disinfectant approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Wales) Order 2007(**2**);

"equipment" ("*cyfarpar*") includes pens and hurdles;

"licensed premises" ("*mangre drwyddedig*") means premises licensed under article 5(1);

"licensee" ("*trwyddedai*") is a person licensed under article 5(1);

(**1**) 1981 c. 22. Functions of the Minister and the Secretary of State transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by S.I. 1999/672 and S.I. 2004/3044. Functions of the National Assembly for Wales are exercisable by the Welsh Ministers by virtue of paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006.

(**2**) S.I. 2007/2803 (W.236).

"paved" ("*palmantog*") means paved with cement, concrete, asphalt or other hard impermeable material that is capable of being effectively cleansed and disinfected.

Notices and licences

3. A notice, licence or authorisation issued by a veterinary inspector under this Order–

(a) must be in writing;

(b) may be amended, suspended or revoked; and

(c) may be subject to such conditions and requirements as the veterinary inspector considers necessary to control the introduction into or spread of disease within or from the licensed premises.

Exceptions

4. This Order does not apply in any of the following situations—

(a) where all the animals brought to the animal gathering are owned by the same person;

(b) all the animals come from one set of premises which the Welsh Ministers have authorised as a sole occupancy group under the Disease Control (Wales) Order 2003(**3**); or

(c) the animal gathering takes place on premises owned or occupied by the owner of the animals.

The use of premises for animal gatherings

5.—(1) No person may use any premises for an animal gathering unless those premises are licensed for that purpose by a veterinary inspector.

(2) An application for a licence must be in writing.

(3) A licence must include—

(a) the name of the licensee;

(b) the premises on which the animal gathering may take place; and

(c) particulars that identify the animal area.

Restriction for 27 days between animal gatherings

6. No person may allow an animal gathering to take place on licensed premises on which animals have been kept until 27 days has elapsed from the day on which—

(a) the last animal has left the licensed premises; and

(b) all equipment to which animals had access has been cleansed of visible contamination, after the last animal has left the licensed premises.

Exemption from the 27-day restriction for licensed premises with paved animal area

7.—(1) The restriction in article 6 does not apply where all animal areas on the licensed premises are paved, and such areas (and any equipment thereon) are scraped clean, swept, cleansed by washing and then disinfected with an approved disinfectant before the next animal gathering.

(2) The scraping, sweeping, cleansing and disinfection required in paragraph (1) must—

(a) only commence once animals have left that area being so treated; and

(**3**) S.I. 2003/1966 (W.211) (as amended).