

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
FISHERIES AND FOOD**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FOR  
SCOTLAND  
WELSH OFFICE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

**ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981**

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of sections 1, 7(1), 8(1), 15(4), 32(2), 35(1) and (1A), 36(5)(a), 72, 83(2), 87(2) and (5) and 88(2) of the Animal Health Act 1981, that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, have made the following Order:

*The Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1991  
(SI 1991 No. 2246)*

This Order revokes and re-enacts, with certain amendments, the provisions of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (No. 2) Order 1988, as amended.

The Order continues to provide for—

- (a) the compulsory notification of B.S.E. in bovine animals (article 5);
- (b) the investigation, examination, testing and sampling and marking of bovine animals and their carcasses for this purpose (article 6(1) and (2));

- (c) the imposition of requirements in respect of affected or suspected animals or carcasses by service of a notice in Form A (article 6);
- (d) the prohibition on movement of other bovine animals by notice in writing (article 7);
- (e) the cleansing and disinfection of premises and equipment (article 8);
- (f) the application of section 32 of the Animal Health Act 1981 (slaughter of animals) (article 10);
- (g) the prohibition (subject to certain exemptions) on the sale, supply and use of specified feedingstuffs (article 12);
- (h) the prohibition on the sale, supply and use of milk from affected or suspected animals (article 13);
- (i) sampling of protein, offal or feedingstuffs (article 15), production of licences (article 16), offences (article 17) and enforcement (article 18).

The changes of substance are—

- (j) the prohibition on movement of any protein derived from specified bovine offal except under a licence (article 9);
- (k) the seizure of carcasses for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease and the provision of compensation (article 11);
- (l) exemptions to certain prohibitions for research purposes (articles 12(2) and 13(2)(b));
- (m) the prohibition on exportation for any purpose of specified bovine offal or protein derived from it from Great Britain to a member State of the European Community except under a licence (article 14).

Copies of the above mentioned Order may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HB, or 71 Lothain Road, Edinburgh EH3 9AZ, price £5.90.

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