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The Animal Welfare (Electronic Devices) (Wales) Regulations 2009

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Animal Welfare (Electronic Devices) (Wales) Regulations 2009

6. Products Concerned

Bark control collars; remote training collars; invisible fencing (i.e. buried in the ground and reacts with a collar on the animal); internal fencing systems; stay mats and scat mats; electronic leads.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These draft regulations create offences in the use of an electronic device on a dog or a cat, such as an electric shock collar, an antibark collar or in relation to collars used in connection with invisible fence systems. The draft regulation provides for a defence i.e. when it is used upon authorisation by a veterinary surgeon and under his competence.

Key words: electric, shock, collar, electronic, stimulous, device, freedom fence.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Increasing concern on the developing use of these devices as a first method of training an animal in essentially aversive techniques, so that an animal associates potential pain with an action. Substantial evidence by trainers and animal owners, of dogs who are captive to the collars becoming extremely aggressive on the use of an electric current (however low) being applied around the neck especially if the owner of the animal does not time the signal correctly. Training an animal properly in any circumstance is not easy and requires dedication and effort by positive reinforcement rather than by negative aversive techniques and the use of these collars provides a short cut in time for the owner of the animal in training it.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

e) No basic texts

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality



No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Impact assessment not available.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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