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The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

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4. Notification Number

2014/0516/UK - C00A

5. Title

The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015

6. Products Concerned

Amendment to the Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Order 2013 - affecting cattle herds

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Order 2013 (the 2013 Order) requires keepers of breeding bovine animals/herds to take samples (at their own expense) from their herds/animals on an annual basis, and to test (qualifying) calves not born to breeding herds/bovine animals within 40 days of birth, for the purpose of determining whether BVD virus is present. This process generates a BVD status/finding for a herd/animal.

The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Order 2013 - subject to previous notification under Directive 98/34/EC reference 2013/0226/UK - introduced the first phase of movement restrictions, placed on animal/herds as a result of the BVD status generated.

The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 introduces the second phase of movement restrictions and with regards to 98/34/EC, the purpose of it is to amend the 2013 Order as follows: –

- Amend article 23D to provide an additional circumstance where a keeper will be taken to know, for the purpose of the movement restriction/prohibition, that an animal is infected with BVD virus. Namely where the animal is the calf of a bovine animal in which BVDV is present. In effect, this will also extend the scope of the article 23D movement restriction/prohibition to any calves born to animals infected with BVD virus.
- New article 23E to apply movement restrictions/prohibitions to any breeding herd or breeding bovine animal which does not have a negative BVD status in accordance with article 21 of the Order. This could, for example, arise where animals without a BVD status have been moved onto the same holding.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of this Order is to eradicate BVD from Scotland. It is estimated that this could save the Scottish cattle industry between £50 and £80 million over 10 years. Eradication will also improve the health and welfare of the national herd and provide environmental benefits by reducing waste and increasing efficiency.

BVD is mainly spread by Persistently Infected (PI) cattle which are born with the disease, having come into contact with the virus in the womb during the first 120 days of gestation. Most will die as calves but some live longer and will carry BVD all their lives and shed virus extensively, infecting cattle around them. BVD virus can also be spread by Transient Infection (TI) which is usually mild but occasionally severe enough to cause death, even in adult cattle. Identifying and preventing these animals from spreading the disease through movement controls is critical to the Scottish approach to BVD eradication.

The phased approach to the identification and restriction of infected animals is deemed the most epidemiologically appropriate and cost effective means of ensuring infected animals/herds do not spread the disease in Scotland.

The amendment to article 23D of the 2013 Order will ensure that any calf born to an animal in which BVDV is present is also placed upon movement restriction as these animals will always also be infected and therefore prevents another route for possible disease spread. The restriction of any breeding herd or breeding bovine animal which does not have a negative status will also prohibit the movement of animals from these herds until infected animals are identified and removed from the herd. In both scenarios animals would be free to move direct to slaughter and any individual animal that has tested negative for BVDV can also freely move. The general herd movement restriction would be lifted once the herd generates a negative status.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Order 2013
The Bovine Viral Diarhhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013
An analysis of the effects of BVD eradication in Scotland: A farm business level impact assessment Basic Texts have been forwarded within the framework of a previous notification: 2013/0226/UK

11. Invocation of the	Emergency	Procedure
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No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

An analysis of the effects of BVD eradication in Scotland: A farm business level impact assessment - forwarded within the framework of previous notification 2013/0226/UK

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

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