



**Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
The National Assembly for Wales**

ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

**The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No.2) (Wales)
Regulations 2001**

Background

These Regulations implement restrictions on the import and export of certain animals and animal products. This is in accordance with a Commission Decision of 6 March 2001.

The Regulations came into force on 9 March and apply until 27 March. They replace the earlier Regulations which expired on 9 March.

Standing Order 11.5

No points have been identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention.

General Observations

Welsh Text

Again, these Regulations are in English only. It is assumed that, as in other cases, this arises from the speed with which the Regulations had to be prepared. The Committee has written to the relevant Assembly Minister with regard to this point in relation to the other foot-and-mouth disease statutory instruments, and the response received to that letter will be equally relevant to the present case.

Regulation 21

Since the Regulations confer a number of functions on the Assembly it may be queried why the enforcement duty is imposed on the Minister of Agriculture and local authorities but not, additionally, on the Assembly. This query has been raised with the relevant Assembly Minister in the context of the earlier instrument and the response received will thus be of equal relevance in relation to the present instrument.

Explanatory Note

It would be helpful if the Note indicated that the Regulations only apply until 27 March.

The sixth paragraph refers to inspectors appointed by the Minister of Agriculture. It is to be noted, however, that “inspector” is defined as including additionally, inspectors appointed by the Assembly and local authorities.

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