



**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.3) (Wales)  
Regulations 2001**

**Background**

These Regulations revoke and replace the No. 2 Regulations of the same title. As in the case of the No. 2 Regulations they implement restrictions on the import and export of certain animals and animal products. This is in accordance with the Commission Decision of 6 March 2001.

As in the case of the No. 2 Regulations, these Regulations apply until 27 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 other foot-and-mouth disease statutory instruments, and the response received to that letter will be equally relevant to the present case.

### **Regulation 22**

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 initial Import and Export Restrictions 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. Also, it would be helpful if the Note briefly identified the changes which it was found necessary to make to the superseded No. 2 Regulations.

The seventh 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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