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ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Amendment) (Wales) (No. 11) Order 2001

Background

This order further amends the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order 1983 to require inspectors issuing licences for the movement of animals in infected, restricted infected, and controlled areas to comply with any instructions which may have been issued by the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food.

This order has been made under the executive procedure.

Standing Order 11.5

On the copy order submitted to the Committee, the coming into force date specified at the head of the order is 15 September 2001 whereas the date specified in article 1 is 16 September.

It is noted, however, that this error has been corrected in the published version, which identifies a coming into force date of 16 September both in the heading and in article 1.

Given that this has now been satisfactorily resolved from the practical point of view, it is not a matter to which the Committee needs to formally invite the Assembly to pay special attention under SO 11.5. It is pointed out, however, that thorough checking procedures should always be observed in order to avoid the need to resort to the correction of such errors at publication stage.

General Observations

The preamble should, as in the No. 10 Order, have recited that the Assembly and the Minister of Agriculture are "acting jointly".

It is noted that the error in the heading whereby 2001 has been inadvertently repeated, has been corrected in the published version.

Mick Bates AM Chair, Legislation Committee

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