

Government Response: The Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment and Revocation) (Wales) Order 2024

Technical Scrutiny Point 1: The Welsh Government accepts that there is an inconsistency between the wording of the entries in Column 1 of Table 1 and will take steps to correct this when the instrument is next amended. However, the Welsh Government is satisfied that this difference does not undermine the legal effect of the instrument.

The wording replicates that of the Animal Gatherings (Fees) (Wales) Order 2018 (the “2018 Order”), which is amended by this instrument. The 2018 Order makes provision for the determination of fees payable to the Welsh Ministers for the issue, amendment or renewal of licences for animal gatherings under the Animal Gatherings (Wales) Order 2010, amongst other provisions.

At present, the prescribed fees included in the 2018 Order are scheduled to be reviewed in 2026. However, in the meantime, should the powers under section 84(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981 be exercised by statutory instrument to prescribe other fees, the Welsh Government will consider amending Column 1 of Table 1 in that earlier instrument, if appropriate.