These notes relate to the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 11 July 2006

## ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Part 1 – Animal Health

## Section 3 – Disease control (slaughter) statement

15. Section 3 of the Act inserts section 32F into the 1981 Act. Subsection (1) requires the Scottish Ministers to make a disease control (slaughter) statement before exercising any power of slaughter conferred by or under section 16B or Schedule 3A. Subsection (2) requires that the statement must describe the event or state of affairs in relation to which the power of slaughter is to be used and state why resort is to be made to the slaughter powers. Subsection (2) also provides that the statement made by Scottish Ministers may include further information about the factors that have been taken into account and the procedures to be followed such as the procedures to be followed in carrying out the slaughter. Subsection (3) provides that Scottish Ministers may make the statement in any manner they consider appropriate and publicise the statement as they see fit.