



Animal Health Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 22

PART V

ENFORCEMENT, OFFENCES AND PROCEEDINGS

Enforcement

^{F1}60 Duties and authorities of constables. E+W

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Extent Information

- E1** This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 60 ceases to have effect (E.W.) (1.1.2006) by virtue of [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8), [Sch. 7 para. 38](#); S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 60 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(a)**
- C2** S. 60 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(a)**
- C3** S. 60 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(a)**
- C4** S. 60 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(a)**
- C5** S. 60 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/531\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(a)**
- C6** S. 60 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(a)**

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- C7 S. 60 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C8 S. 60 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C9 S. 60 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C10 S. 60 applied (W.) (with modifications) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C11 S. 60 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(a)**
- C12 S. 60 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(a)**
- C13 S. 60 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(a)**
- C14 S. 60 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **23**

60 Duties and authorities of constables. **S**

- (1) The police force of each police area shall execute and enforce this Act^[F48], regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under this Act] and every order of the Minister ^[F49]but subject, in the case of orders under section 13, to any provision made under subsection (3) of that section.]
- (2) Where a person is seen or found committing, or is reasonably suspected of being engaged in committing, an offence against this Act, a constable may, without warrant, stop and detain him.
- (3) If that person's name and address are not known to the constable, and he fails to give them to the constable's satisfaction, the constable may, without warrant, apprehend him.
- (4) The constable may, whether so stopping or detaining or apprehending the person or not—
 - (a) stop, detain and examine any animal, vehicle, boat or thing to which the offence or suspected offence relates; and
 - (b) require it to be forthwith taken back to or into any place or district from which or out of which it was unlawfully removed and execute and enforce that requisition.
- (5) If a person obstructs or impedes or assists in obstructing or impeding a constable or ^[F50]inspector] in the execution—
 - (a) of this Act, or
 - (b) of an order of the Minister, or
 - ^[F51](ba) of regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under this Act,]
 - (c) of a regulation of a local authority,
 the constable or ^[F52]inspector] may without warrant apprehend the offender.
- (6) A person apprehended under this section—
 - (a) shall be taken with all practicable speed before a justice, or, in Scotland, a sheriff or district court; and

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- (b) shall not be detained without a warrant longer than is necessary for that purpose.
- (7) All enactments relating to the release of persons on bail by an officer of police or a constable shall apply in the case of a person apprehended under this section.
- (8) The foregoing provisions of this section respecting a constable extend and apply to any person called by a constable to his assistance.
- (9) A constable shall forthwith make a report in writing to his superior officer of every case in which he stops any person, animal, vehicle, boat, or thing under this section, and of his proceedings in consequence.
- (10) Nothing in this section shall take away or abridge any power or authority that a constable would have had if this section had not been enacted.

Extent Information

- E3** This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales only.

Textual Amendments

- F48** Words in s. 60(1) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(5\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F49** Words in s. 60(1) inserted (14.2.1992 for certain purposes and 1.4.1992 in so far as not already in force) by [Environmental Protection Act 1990 \(c. 43, SIF 46:4\)](#), s. 151(3); S.I. 1992/266, art. 2, 3
- F50** Words in s. 60(5) substituted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F51** S. 60(5)(ba) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F52** Word in s. 60(5) substituted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

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- C6** S. 60 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, [10\(1\)\(a\)](#)
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- C10** S. 60 applied (W.) (with modifications) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), [36\(1\)](#)

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- C12** S. 60 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(a)**
- C13** S. 60 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(a)**
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61 [^{F2}**Powers of arrest as to rabies.**][^{F2} **Powers of entry and search in relation to rabies offences**]

- (1) [^{F3}Without prejudice to the powers of arrest conferred by section 60 above or otherwise, a constable may arrest without warrant any person whom he, with reasonable cause, suspects to be in the act of committing or to have committed an offence to which this section applies.]
- (2) The offences to which this section applies [^{F4} for the purposes of section 17(1)(caa) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984] are offences against this Act consisting of—
- (a) the landing or attempted landing of any animal [^{F5}or importation or attempted importation through the tunnel system as defined in the Channel Tunnel Act 1987 of any animal] in contravention of an order made under this Act and expressed to be made for the purpose of preventing the introduction of rabies into Great Britain; or
 - (b) the failure by the person having the charge or control of any vessel or boat to discharge any obligation imposed on him in that capacity by such an order; or
 - (c) the movement, in contravention of an order under section 17 or section 23 above, of any animal into, within or out of a place or area declared to be infected with rabies.

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 61 heading substituted (E.W.) (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8), **Sch. 7 para. 55(2)(b)**; S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)
- F3** S. 61(1) repealed (E.W.) (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8)(8), **Sch. 7 para. 21(2)**, **17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)(u)
- F4** Words in s. 61(2) inserted (E.W.) (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8), **Sch. 7 para. 55(2)(a)**; S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)
- F5** Words inserted by S.I. 1990/2371, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**

62 [^{F6}**Entry and search under s. 61.**][^{F6} **Entry and search in exercise of powers to seize animals**]

- (1) [^{F7}For the purpose of arresting a person under the power conferred by section 61 above a constable may enter (if need be, by force) and search any vessel, boat, aircraft or vehicle of any other description in which that person is or in which the constable, with reasonable cause, suspects him to be.]
- (2) For the purpose of exercising any power to seize an animal or cause an animal to be seized, and—

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- (a) where that power is conferred on constables by an order made under this Act, and
- (b) where that power is expressed to be made for the purpose of preventing the introduction of rabies into Great Britain.

a constable may enter (if need be, by force) and search any vessel, boat, aircraft or vehicle of any other description in which there is, or in which he, with reasonable cause, suspects that there is, an animal to which that power applies.

Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 62 heading substituted (E.W.) (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8), [Sch. 7 para. 55\(3\)](#); S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)
- F7** S. 62(1) repealed (E.W.) (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8)(8), [Sch. 7 para. 21\(3\)](#), [17 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)(u)

[^{F8} 62A Slaughter: power of entry

- (1) An inspector may at any time enter any premises for the purpose of—
 - (a) ascertaining whether a power conferred by or under this Act to cause an animal to be slaughtered should be exercised, or
 - (b) doing anything in pursuance of the exercise of that power.
- (2) In this section and sections 62B and 62C premises includes any land, building or other place.]

Textual Amendments

- F8** Ss. 62A-62C inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by [2002 c. 42](#), s. 8(1); S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** S. 62A modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), [17](#)
- C16** S. 62A applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), [7](#)
- C17** S. 62A applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), [10\(c\)](#)
- C18** S. 62A applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), [10\(c\)](#)
- C19** S. 62A applied (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), [8\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- C20** S. 62A applied (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), [8\(2\)\(c\)](#)

^{F9}62B Slaughter: warrants

- (1) If a justice of the peace is satisfied on sworn information in writing that the first condition is satisfied and that the second or third condition is satisfied he may issue a warrant authorising an inspector to enter any premises, if necessary using reasonable force, for the purpose mentioned in section 62A.

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- (2) The information must include—
 - (a) a statement as to whether any representations have been made by the occupier of the land or premises to an inspector concerning the purpose for which the warrant is sought;
 - (b) a summary of any such representations.
- (3) The first condition is that there are reasonable grounds for an inspector to enter the premises for that purpose.
- (4) The second condition is that each of the following applies to the occupier of the premises—
 - (a) he has been informed of the decision to seek entry to the premises and of the reasons for that decision;
 - (b) he has failed to allow entry to the premises on being requested to do so by an inspector;
 - (c) he has been informed of the decision to apply for the warrant.
- (5) The third condition is that—
 - (a) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is absent and (in either case) notice of intention to apply for the warrant has been left in a conspicuous place on the premises, or
 - (b) an application for admission to the premises or the giving of notice of intention to apply for the warrant would defeat the object of entering the premises.
- (6) A warrant issued under this section remains in force for one month starting with the date of its approval by the justice of the peace, which date shall be clearly visible on the warrant.
- (7) A warrant issued under this section must be executed only at a reasonable hour unless the inspector thinks that the case is one of urgency.
- (8) In relation to any premises to which entry is obtained by virtue of a warrant under this section the Secretary of State must retain for a period of not less than 12 months beginning with the day after entry—
 - (a) a copy of the warrant;
 - (b) a copy of any record of the steps taken to effect entry to the premises and the actions taken on the premises by the inspector and any other person entering the premises with him.

Textual Amendments

F9 Ss. 62A-62C inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by 2002 c. 42, s. 8(1); S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2

^{F10} **62C Slaughter: supplementary**

- (1) This section applies to an inspector who enters any premises by virtue of section 62A or under a warrant issued under section 62B.
- (2) The inspector may take with him—
 - (a) such other persons as he thinks necessary to give him such assistance as he thinks necessary;
 - (b) such equipment as he thinks necessary.

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- (3) The inspector may require any person on the premises who falls within subsection (4) to give him such assistance as he may reasonably require for the purpose mentioned in section 62A.
- (4) The following persons fall within this subsection—
 - (a) the occupier of the premises;
 - (b) a person appearing to the inspector to have charge of animals on the premises;
 - (c) a person appearing to the inspector to be under the direction or control of a person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (5) If the inspector enters any premises by virtue of a warrant issued under section 62B he must at the time of entry—
 - (a) serve a copy of the warrant on the occupier of the premises, or (if the occupier is not on the premises)
 - (b) leave a copy of the warrant in a conspicuous place on the premises.
- (6) If the inspector enters any unoccupied premises he must leave them as effectively secured against entry as he found them.

Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 62A-62C inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by [2002 c. 42, s. 8\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2](#)

[^{F11}62D Tests and samples: power of entry

- (1) A veterinary inspector may at any time enter any premises for the purpose of ascertaining—
 - (a) whether disease anti-bodies exist in animals on the premises;
 - (b) whether any animal on the premises or which was kept there at any time is, or was at that time, infected with disease;
 - (c) whether any causative agent of disease is present on the premises.
- (2) Disease is foot-and-mouth disease and such other disease as the Secretary of State may by order specify.
- (3) No order may be made under subsection (2) unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.
- (4) Causative agent includes any virus, bacterium and any other organism or infectious substance which may cause or transmit disease.
- (5) In this section and sections 62E and 62F premises includes any land, building or other place.]

Textual Amendments

F11 Ss. 62D-62F inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by [2002 c. 42, s. 9](#); [S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2](#)

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F12 62E Tests and samples: warrants

- (1) If a justice of the peace is satisfied on sworn information in writing that the first condition is satisfied and that the second or third condition is satisfied he may issue a warrant authorising a veterinary inspector to enter any premises, if necessary using reasonable force, for the purpose mentioned in section 62D.
- (2) The information must include—
 - (a) a statement as to whether any representations have been made by the occupier of the land or premises to an inspector concerning the purpose for which the warrant is sought;
 - (b) a summary of any such representations.
- (3) The first condition is that there are reasonable grounds for a veterinary inspector to enter the premises for that purpose.
- (4) The second condition is that each of the following applies to the occupier of the premises—
 - (a) he has been informed of the decision to seek entry to the premises and of the reasons for that decision;
 - (b) he has failed to allow entry to the premises on being requested to do so by an inspector;
 - (c) he has been informed of the decision to apply for the warrant.
- (5) The third condition is that—
 - (a) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is absent and (in either case) notice of intention to apply for the warrant has been left in a conspicuous place on the premises, or
 - (b) an application for admission to the premises or the giving of notice of intention to apply for the warrant would defeat the object of entering the premises.
- (6) A warrant issued under this section remains in force for one month starting with the date of its approval by the justice of the peace, which date shall be clearly visible on the warrant.
- (7) A warrant issued under this section must be executed only at a reasonable hour unless the inspector thinks that the case is one of urgency.
- (8) In relation to any premises to which entry is obtained by virtue of a warrant under this section the Secretary of State must retain for a period of not less than 12 months beginning with the day after entry—
 - (a) a copy of the warrant;
 - (b) a copy of any record of the steps taken to effect entry to the premises and the actions taken on the premises by the inspector and any other person entering the premises with him.

Textual Amendments

F12 Ss. 62D-62F inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by 2002 c. 42, art. 9; S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2

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F13 62F Tests and samples: supplementary

- (1) This section applies to a veterinary inspector who enters any premises by virtue of section 62D or under a warrant issued under section 62E.
- (2) The inspector may take with him—
 - (a) such other persons as he thinks necessary to give him such assistance as he thinks necessary;
 - (b) such equipment as he thinks necessary.
- (3) The inspector may take such samples (including samples from any animal on the premises) and carry out such tests as he thinks are necessary for the purpose mentioned in section 62D(1).
- (4) The inspector may require any person on the premises who falls within subsection (5) to give him such assistance as he may reasonably require for the purpose mentioned in section 62D(1).
- (5) The following persons fall within this subsection—
 - (a) the occupier of the premises;
 - (b) a person appearing to the inspector to have charge of animals on the premises;
 - (c) a person appearing to the inspector to be under the direction or control of a person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (6) If the inspector enters any unoccupied premises he must leave them as effectively secured against entry as he found them.
- (7) If the inspector enters any premises by virtue of a warrant issued under section 62E he must at the time of entry—
 - (a) serve a copy of the warrant on the occupier of the premises, or (if the occupier is not on the premises)
 - (b) leave a copy of the warrant in a conspicuous place on the premises.
- (8) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) he is required to give assistance under subsection (4), and
 - (b) he fails to give it.

Textual Amendments

F13 Ss. 62D-62F inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by 2002 c. 42, s. 9; S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2

[F14 62G Powers of entry etc.: Scotland

- (1) An inspector may enter any premises in Scotland for the purpose of—
 - (a) ascertaining whether a power of slaughter conferred by or under any provision mentioned in subsection (3) should be exercised; or
 - (b) doing anything in pursuance of or in connection with the exercise of such a power.
- (2) A power of slaughter conferred by or under any provision mentioned in subsection (3) extends to the taking of any action for the purposes of or in connection with the exercise of the power.

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- (3) The provisions are—
- (a) section 16B of;
 - (b) section 32 of;
 - (c) Schedule 3 to;
 - (d) Schedule 3A to,
- this Act.
- (4) An inspector acting under subsection (1) must, if required, produce evidence of the inspector's authority.
- (5) Where any power of entry conferred on an inspector by this Act is exercised in relation to premises used exclusively as a dwelling-house, 24 hours' notice of the intended entry is to be given to the occupier unless the inspector thinks the case is one of urgency.
- (6) Any power of entry conferred on an inspector by this Act must be exercised at a reasonable hour unless the inspector thinks the case is one of urgency.
- (7) In this section and sections 62H and 62I, an “inspector” means—
- (a) a person appointed as an inspector for the purposes of this Act by the Scottish Ministers; or
 - (b) a person authorised by the Scottish Ministers for those purposes.
- (8) In this section and sections 62H and 62I, “premises” includes—
- (a) any land or building; or
 - (b) any other place, in particular—
 - (i) a vehicle or vessel; or
 - (ii) a tent or moveable structure.]

Textual Amendments

F14 Ss. 62G-62I inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), ss. 12, 55(1) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

[^{F14}62H Warrants

- (1) A sheriff or justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising an inspector to enter (if necessary using reasonable force) any premises in Scotland for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2), if satisfied by evidence on oath that—
- (a) the first condition is satisfied; and
 - (b) either the second or the third condition is satisfied.
- (2) The purpose is that of—
- (a) ascertaining whether a function of the Scottish Ministers or inspectors under this Act should be exercised; or
 - (b) doing anything in pursuance of or in connection with the exercise of such a function.
- (3) The evidence must include—

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- (a) a statement as to whether any representations have been made by the occupier of the premises to an inspector concerning the purpose for which the warrant is sought;
 - (b) a summary of any such representations.
- (4) The first condition is that there are reasonable grounds for an inspector to enter the premises for that purpose.
- (5) The second condition is that each of the following applies—
- (a) the occupier has been informed of the decision to seek entry to the premises and of the reasons for that decision;
 - (b) the occupier has failed to allow entry to the premises on being requested to do so by an inspector; and
 - (c) the occupier has been informed of the intention to apply for the warrant.
- (6) The third condition is that—
- (a) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier appears to be absent and (in either case) notice of intention to apply for the warrant has been left in a conspicuous place on the premises; or
 - (b) the object of entering would be defeated if the occupier were requested to allow entry or informed of an intention to apply for a warrant.
- (7) A warrant issued under this section must be executed at a reasonable hour unless the inspector thinks the case is one of urgency.
- (8) A warrant issued under this section remains in force for one month starting with the date of its grant.]

Textual Amendments

F14 Ss. 62G-62I inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), ss. 12, 55(1) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

[^{F14}**62I** **Entry and warrants: supplementary**

- (1) This section applies to an inspector who enters any premises by virtue of a power conferred on the inspector by or under this Act or under a warrant under section 62H.
- (2) The inspector may take on to the premises—
 - (a) such other persons as the inspector thinks necessary to give the inspector such assistance as the inspector thinks necessary;
 - (b) such equipment as the inspector thinks necessary.
- (3) The inspector may require any person on the premises who falls within subsection (4) to give the inspector such assistance as the inspector may reasonably require.
- (4) The following persons fall within this subsection—
 - (a) the occupier of the premises;
 - (b) a person appearing to the inspector to have charge of animals on the premises;
 - (c) a person appearing to the inspector to be under the direction or control of a person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

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- (5) If the inspector enters any premises by virtue of a warrant issued under section 62H the inspector must at the time of entry—
- (a) serve a copy of the warrant on the occupier of the premises; or
 - (b) if the occupier is not on the premises, leave a copy of the warrant in a conspicuous place on the premises.
- (6) If the inspector enters any unoccupied premises the inspector must leave them as effectively secured against entry as the inspector found them.]

Textual Amendments

F14 Ss. 62G-62I inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), ss. 12, 55(1) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

63 General powers of inspectors.

- (1) An inspector has—
- (a) for the purposes of this Act, but
 - (b) with the exception of the powers conferred by sections 61 and 62 above, all the powers which a constable has, under this Act or otherwise, in the place where the inspector is acting.
- (2) An inspector may at any time enter any land or shed to which this Act applies, or other building or place where he has reasonable grounds for supposing—
- (a) that disease exists or has within 56 days existed; or
 - (b) that the carcase of a diseased or suspected animal is or has been kept, or has been buried, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of; or
 - ^{F15}(ba) that the carcase of an animal, bird or amphibian slaughtered by virtue of section 16B, Part 2B or Schedule 3A is or has been kept, or has been buried, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of; or]
 - (c) that there is to be found any pen, place, vehicle, or thing in respect of which any person has on any occasion failed to comply with the provisions of this Act, or of an order of the Minister,^{F16} or of a regulation of the Scottish Ministers under this Act,] or of a regulation of a local authority; or
 - (d) that this Act or an order of the Minister^{F17} or a regulation of the Scottish Ministers under this Act] or a regulation of a local authority has not been or is not being complied with.
- (3) An inspector may at any time enter any pen, vehicle, vessel, boat or aircraft in which or ^{F18}in respect of which] he has reasonable grounds for supposing that this Act or an order of the Minister^{F19} or a regulation of the Scottish Ministers under this Act] or a regulation of a local authority has not been or is not being complied with.
- (4) An inspector entering as authorised by the foregoing provisions of this section shall, if required by the owner, or occupier, or person in charge of the land, building, place, pen, vehicle, vessel, boat or aircraft state in writing his reasons for entering.
- (5) For the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of any order under section 10 above or the conditions of any licence issued in accordance with any such order are being complied with, an inspector may at any time enter—

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- (a) any vessel, boat, aircraft or vehicle of any other description which is for the time being within the limits of a port, within the meaning of the ^{M1}Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, or at a customs and excise airport, within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) any vessel, boat or aircraft which does not fall within paragraph (a) above but which he has reasonable grounds for supposing has recently been brought into Great Britain.
- (6) Without prejudice to subsection (5) above, an inspector may at any time enter—
- (a) any land, building or other place, or
- (b) any vessel, boat, aircraft or vehicle of any other description,
- on or in which he has reasonable grounds for supposing that there is being or has been kept any animal or other thing which has been imported and the importation of which is for the time being prohibited or regulated by an order under section 10; and in this subsection “animals” and “imported” have the same meaning as in that section.
- (7) A certificate of a veterinary inspector to the effect that an animal^[F20], bird or amphibian] is or was affected with a disease specified in the certificate shall, for the purposes of this Act, be conclusive evidence in all courts of justice of the matter certified.
- ^[F21](7A) In subsection (7)—
- “ animal ” means any kind of mammal (except man);
- “disease” is not restricted by its definition in this Act.]
- (8) An inspector of the Minister has all the powers of an inspector throughout Great Britain or that part for which he is appointed.
- (9) In addition to the powers conferred by this section upon inspectors, an inspector of the Minister may at any time, ^[F22]enter any land, building or other place, on or in which he has reasonable grounds for supposing that animals are or have been kept, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any disease exists there or has within 56 days existed there.
- This subsection does not have effect in relation to poultry.]
- ^[F23](10) An inspector acting under this section must, if required, produce evidence of the inspector's authority.]

Textual Amendments

- F15** S. 63(2)(ba) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F16** Words in s. 63(2)(c) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(6\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F17** Words in s. 63(2)(d) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(6\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F18** Words substituted by [Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984 \(c. 40, SIF 2:8\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 4](#)
- F19** Words in s. 63(3) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(6\)\(d\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F20** Words in s. 63(7) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(6\)\(e\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F21** S. 63(7A) inserted (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(6\)\(f\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F22** Words substituted by [Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984 \(c. 40, SIF 2:8\)](#), s. 2(1)

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F23 S. 63(10) added (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(6\)\(g\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C21** S. 63 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), [35\(1\)](#)
- C22** S. 63 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), [36\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- C23** S. 63 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), [39](#)
- C24** S. 63 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), [24\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- C25** S. 63 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), [17\(1\)](#)
- C26** S. 63 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), [18\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- C27** S. 63 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), [18\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- C28** S. 63 applied (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), [19\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- C29** S. 63 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), [19\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- C30** S. 63 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), [23](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 1979 c. 2.

64 Powers of inspectors as to poultry.

- (1) An inspector of the Ministry and, if so authorised by an order of the Minister, an inspector of a local authority, may at any time enter any pen, shed, land or other place in which he has reasonable grounds for supposing that poultry are or have been kept, for the purpose of ascertaining whether disease exists or has existed in or on them.
- (2) For the purpose of enforcing any order for protecting poultry from unnecessary suffering, an inspector may examine—
- (a) poultry in any circumstances to which the order relates, and
 - (b) any receptacle or vehicle used for their conveyance or exposure for sale, and he may enter any premises, vessel or aircraft in which he has reasonable ground for supposing that there are poultry—
 - (i) exposed for sale; or
 - (ii) in course of conveyance; or
 - (iii) packed for conveyance or exposure for sale.
- [^{F24}(3) An inspector acting under this section must, if required, produce evidence of the inspector's authority.]

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Textual Amendments

- F24** S. 64(3) added (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\), s. 55\(1\), Sch. 2 para. 2\(7\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C31** S. 64 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\), regs. 1\(2\), 26\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- C32** S. 64 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\), regs. 1\(2\), 18\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- C33** S. 64 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\), regs. 1\(1\), 18\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- C34** S. 64 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\), regs. 1\(2\), 19\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- C35** S. 64 applied (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\), regs. 1\(2\), 19\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- C36** S. 64 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\), regs. 1\(b\), 23](#)

[64A ^{F25} Powers of inspectors relating to [^{F26}[^{F27}assimilated] law]

In addition to the powers conferred by sections 63 and 64, an inspector (on producing, if required to do so, some duly authenticated document showing his authority) may at all reasonable hours—

- (a) enter—
- (i) any land, building, or other place, or
 - (ii) any vessel, boat, aircraft, hovercraft or vehicle of any other description,
- for the purpose of ascertaining whether [^{F28}any [^{F29}assimilated] law within an order made under this Act has been or is] being complied with, and
- (b) carry out such inspections (including inspection of documents) as may be necessary for that purpose.]

Textual Amendments

- F25** S. 64A added (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3293, reg.2](#)
- F26** Words in s. 64A heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Farriers and Animal Health \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/457\), regs. 1\(1\), 5\(2\)\(a\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F27** Word in s. 64A heading substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch. para. 12](#)
- F28** Words in s. 64A(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Farriers and Animal Health \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/457\), regs. 1\(1\), 5\(2\)\(b\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F29** Word in s. 64A(a) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch. para. 12](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C37** S. 64A applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\), regs. 1\(2\), 35\(2\)](#)
- C38** S. 64A applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\), regs. 1\(1\), 39](#)

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- C39** S. 64A modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(1)(b)**
- C40** S. 64A applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **24(1)(b)**
- C41** S. 64A applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **17(1)**
- C42** S. 64A applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(3)(c)**
- C43** S. 64A applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(3)(c)**
- C44** S. 64A applied (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(3)(c)**
- C45** S. 64A applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(3)(c)**
- C46** S. 64A applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **23**

65 Power to detain vessels and aircraft.

- (1) Where an inspector of the Minister is satisfied that this Act or an order of the Minister^[F30] or a regulation of the Scottish Ministers under this Act] or a regulation of a local authority has not been or is not being complied with on board a vessel in port, then, on the inspector's representation in writing to that effect, stating particulars of non-compliance, the vessel may be detained until the appropriate Minister otherwise directs.
- (2) The officer detaining the vessel shall forthwith deliver to the master or person in charge of the vessel a copy of the representation.
- (3) Section ^[F31]284 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995] shall apply in the case of such detention as if it were authorised or ordered under that Act.
- (4) In relation to aircraft the Ministers may—
 - (a) by an order under this Act adapt that section of the ^[F32]1995 Act] as applied in the case of the detention of a vessel under this section; or
 - (b) make such other provision instead of it as they think expedient.

Textual Amendments

- F30** Words in s. 65(1) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), **Sch. 2 para. 2(8)** (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F31** Words in s. 65(3) substituted (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(2), 316(2), **Sch. 13 para. 58(b)(i)**
- F32** Words in s. 65(4)(a) substituted (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(2), 316(2), **Sch. 13 para. 58(b)(ii)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C47** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **35(2)**
- C48** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **39**
- C49** S. 65(1)-(3) modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(1)(c)**

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- C50** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **24(1)(c)**
- C51** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **17(1)**
- C52** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(3)(d)**
- C53** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(3)(d)**
- C54** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(3)(d)**
- C55** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(3)(d)**
- C56** S. 65(1)-(3) applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **23**

[^{F33} **65A Inspection of vehicles**

- (1) If each of the conditions in subsection (2) is satisfied, an inspector may stop, detain and inspect any vehicle to ascertain whether the provisions of any of the following are being complied with—
 - (a) this Act;
 - (b) an order made under this Act;
 - (c) a regulation of a local authority made in pursuance of such an order.
- (2) The conditions are—
 - (a) that the vehicle is in a designated area in a designated period;
 - (b) that the inspector is accompanied by a constable in uniform.
- (3) In subsection (2) “ designated ” means designated by an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (4) A vehicle includes—
 - (a) a trailer, semi-trailer or other thing which is designed or adapted to be towed by another vehicle;
 - (b) anything on a vehicle;
 - (c) a detachable part of a vehicle;
 - (d) a container or other structure designed or adapted to be carried by or on a vehicle.]

Textual Amendments

F33 S. 65A inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by [2002 c. 42, s. 10](#); [S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C57** S. 65A applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **35(3)**
- C58** S. 65A modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(2)**
- C59** S. 65A modified (E.) (27.4.2006 at 6.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin In Mammals \(England\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1197\)](#), arts. 1(2), **82**

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- C60** S. 65A applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **17(2)**
- C61** S. 65A applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(4)**
- C62** S. 65A applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(4)**

^{F34}**65B Inspection of vehicles: Scotland**

- (1) If each of the conditions in subsection (2) is satisfied, an inspector may stop, detain and inspect any vehicle to ascertain whether the provisions of any of the following are being complied with—
- (a) this Act;
 - (b) an order under this Act;
 - (c) a regulation of a local authority made in pursuance of such an order;
 - (d) regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under this Act.
- (2) The conditions are—
- (a) that the vehicle is in an infected place or area;
 - (b) that the inspector is accompanied by a constable in uniform.
- (3) In this section, a “vehicle” includes—
- (a) a trailer, a semi-trailer or other thing which is designed or adapted to be towed by another vehicle;
 - (b) anything on a vehicle;
 - (c) a detachable part of a vehicle;
 - (d) a container or other structure designed or adapted to be carried by or on a vehicle.]

Textual Amendments

- F34** S. 65B inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), ss. **13**, **55(1)** (with s. 54); [S.S.I. 2006/482](#), art. 2

66 Refusal and obstruction.

A person is guilty of an offence against this Act who, without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall lie on him—

- (a) refuses to an inspector or other officer, acting in execution of this Act, or of an order of the Minister,^{F35} or of regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under this Act,] or of a regulation of a local authority, admission to any land, building, place, pen, vessel, boat, aircraft or vehicle of any other description which the inspector or officer is entitled to enter or examine; or
- (b) obstructs or impedes him in so entering or examining; or
- (c) otherwise in any respect obstructs or impedes an inspector or constable or other officer in the execution of his duty, or assists in any such obstructing or impeding.

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Textual Amendments

- F35** Words in s. 66(a) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 11), s. 55(1), **Sch. 2 para. 2(9)** (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C63** S. 66 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2985), regs. 1, **10(1)(b)**
- C64** S. 66 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2990), regs. 1, **7(1)(b)**
- C65** S. 66 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/531), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(b)**
- C66** S. 66 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2984), regs. 1, **7(1)(b)**
- C67** S. 66 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2989), regs. 1, **10(1)(b)**
- C68** S. 66 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/530), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(b)**
- C69** S. 66 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (No.2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3394), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C70** S. 66 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3384), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C71** S. 66 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3385), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C72** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/180), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C73** S. 66 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/183), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(b)**
- C74** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by Foot and Mouth Disease (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/45), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(b)**
- C75** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by Avian Influenza (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/337), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(c)**
- C76** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1761), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C77** S. 66 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2803), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(a)**
- C78** S. 66 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2701), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(a)**
- C79** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2703), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(a)**
- C80** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) (No.2) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2932), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(a)**
- C81** S. 66 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/606), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**
- C82** S. 66 applied (with modifications) (E.) (6.4.2008) by Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/465), art. 1(c)**reg. 21(1)(a)**
- C83** S. 66 applied (W.) (3.6.2008) by The Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1275), regs. 1, **21(1)(a)**

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[^{F36} 66A Refusal and obstruction of inspector

- (1) A person commits an offence if without lawful authority or excuse (proof of which shall lie on him) he—
- (a) refuses admission to any premises to a person acting under section 62A above,
 - (b) obstructs or impedes him in so acting, or
 - (c) assists in any such obstruction or impeding.
- (2) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) he is required to give assistance under section 62C(3), and
 - (b) he fails to give it.]

Textual Amendments

F36 S. 66A inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by 2002 c. 42, s. 8(2); S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C84** S. 66A applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C85** S. 66A applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(a)**
- C86** S. 66A applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(a)**
- C87** S. 66A applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(a)**
- C88** S. 66A applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(a)**

Offences as to licences, declarations, certificates and instruments

67 Issue of false licences etc.

- A person is guilty of an offence against this Act—
- (a) who grants or issues a licence, certificate or instrument made or issued, or purporting to be made or issued under or for any purpose of this Act, or of an order of the Minister, or of a regulation of a local authority, which is false in any date or other material particular, unless he shows to the court's satisfaction that he did not know of that falsity, and that he could not with reasonable diligence have obtained knowledge of it; or
 - (b) who grants or issues such a licence, certificate or instrument not having, and knowing that he has not, lawful authority to grant or issue it.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C89** S. 67 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(c)**
- C90** S. 67 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(c)**
- C91** S. 67 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(c)**

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- C92** S. 67 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(c)**
- C93** S. 67 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(c)**
- C94** S. 67 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/531\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(c)**
- C95** S. 67 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C96** S. 67 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C97** S. 67 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C98** S. 67 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C99** S. 67 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(c)**
- C100** S. 67 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(c)**
- C101** S. 67 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(d)**
- C102** S. 67 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C103** S. 67 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(b)**
- C104** S. 67 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(b)**
- C105** S. 67 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(b)**
- C106** S. 67 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(b)**
- C107** S. 67 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**

68 Issue of licences etc. in blank.

A person is guilty of an offence against this Act—

- (a) who, with intent unlawfully to evade or defeat this Act, or an order of the Minister, or a regulation of a local authority, grants or issues an instrument being in form a licence, certificate or instrument made or issued under this Act, or such an order or regulation, for permitting or regulating the movement of a particular animal, or the doing of any other particular thing, but being issued in blank, that is to say, not being before its issue so filled up as to specify any particular animal or thing;
- (b) who uses or offers or attempts to use for any purpose of this Act, or such an order or regulation, an instrument so issued in blank, unless he shows to the court's satisfaction that he did not know of it having been so issued in blank, and that he could not with reasonable diligence have obtained knowledge of it.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C108** S. 68 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/531\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(d)**
- C109** S. 68 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(d)**
- C110** S. 68 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(d)**
- C111** S. 68 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(d)**
- C112** S. 68 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(d)**
- C113** S. 68 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(d)**
- C114** S. 68 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C115** S. 68 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C116** S. 68 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C117** S. 68 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C118** S. 68 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(d)**
- C119** S. 68 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(d)**
- C120** S. 68 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(e)**
- C121** S. 68 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C122** S. 68 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(c)**
- C123** S. 68 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(c)**
- C124** S. 68 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(c)**
- C125** S. 68 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(c)**
- C126** S. 68 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**

69 Falsely obtaining licences etc.

A person is guilty of an offence against this Act—

- (a) who for the purpose of obtaining a licence, certificate or instrument makes a declaration or statement false in any material particular, or
- (b) who obtains or endeavours to obtain a licence, certificate or instrument by means of a false pretence,

unless he shows to the court's satisfaction that he did not know of that falsity, and that he could not with reasonable diligence have obtained knowledge of it.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C127** S. 69 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(2)**
- C128** S. 69 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/531\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(2)**
- C129** S. 69 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(2)**
- C130** S. 69 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(2)**
- C131** S. 69 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(2)**
- C132** S. 69 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(2)**
- C133** S. 69 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(2)**
- C134** S. 69 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C135** S. 69 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(2)**
- C136** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(2)**
- C137** S. 69 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(2)**
- C138** S. 69 applied (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(2)**
- C139** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(2)**
- C140** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(2)**
- C141** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(2)**
- C142** S. 69 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(2)**
- C143** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(2)**
- C144** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(2)**
- C145** S. 69 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**

[^{F37} **70 Alteration of licences etc.**

A person is guilty of an offence against this Act, who, with intent unlawfully to evade this Act, or an order of the Minister, or a regulation of a local authority—

- (a) alters, or falsely makes, or ante-dates, or counterfeits a licence, declaration, certificate or instrument made or issued, or purporting to be made or issued, under or for any purpose of this Act or such an order or regulation; or
- (b) offers or utters such a licence, declaration, certificate or instrument knowing it to be altered, or falsely made, or ante-dated or counterfeited.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animal Health Act 1981, Part V. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F37 S. 70 repealed (E.W.) by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **Sch. 16**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C146** S. 70 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/531\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(e)**
- C147** S. 70 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(e)**
- C148** S. 70 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(e)**
- C149** S. 70 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(f)**
- C150** S. 70 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**

71 Other offences as to licences.

A person is guilty of an offence against this Act—

- (a) who, with intent unlawfully to evade this Act, or an order of the Minister, or a regulation of a local authority, does anything for which a licence is requisite under this Act, or such an order or regulation, without having obtained a licence; or
- (b) who, where a licence is so requisite, having obtained a licence, with the like intent does the thing licensed after the licence has expired; or
- (c) who uses or offers or attempts to use as such a licence—
 - (i) an instrument not being a complete licence, or
 - (ii) an instrument untruly purporting or appearing to be a licence,
 unless he shows to the court's satisfaction that he did not know of that incompleteness or untruth, and that he could not with reasonable diligence have obtained knowledge of it.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C151** S. 71 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(e)**
- C152** S. 71 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(f)**
- C153** S. 71 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(e)**
- C154** S. 71 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(e)**
- C155** S. 71 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/531\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(f)**
- C156** S. 71 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(e)**
- C157** S. 71 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C158** S. 71 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**

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- C159** S. 71 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (No.2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3394), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C160** S. 71 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/180), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C161** S. 71 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/183), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(e)**
- C162** S. 71 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by Foot and Mouth Disease (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/45), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(f)**
- C163** S. 71 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by Avian Influenza (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/337), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(g)**
- C164** S. 71 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1761), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C165** S. 71 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2701), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(d)**
- C166** S. 71 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2803), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(d)**
- C167** S. 71 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2703), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(d)**
- C168** S. 71 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) (No.2) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2932), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(d)**
- C169** S. 71 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/606), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**

Offences generally

[^{F38} **71A Prosecutions: time limit**

- (1) Despite anything in section 127(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 an information relating to an offence under this Act which is triable by a magistrates' court in England and Wales may be so tried if it is laid at any time—
- within the period of three years starting with the date of the commission of the offence, and
 - within the period of six months starting with the day on which evidence which the prosecutor thinks is sufficient to justify the proceedings comes to his knowledge.
- (2) A certificate by the prosecutor as to the date on which such evidence came to his knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact.]

Textual Amendments

F38 S. 71A inserted (E.W.) (14.1.2003) by 2002 c. 42, s. 14; S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C170** S. 71A applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2990), regs. 1, **7(1)(f)**
- C171** S. 71A applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2989), regs. 1, **10(1)(f)**
- C172** S. 71A applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2985), regs. 1, **10(1)(f)**

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- C173** S. 71A applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(f)**
- C174** S. 71A applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C175** S. 71A applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C176** S. 71A applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C177** S. 71A applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C178** S. 71A modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(f)**
- C179** S. 71A applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C180** S. 71A applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(e)**
- C181** S. 71A applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(e)**
- C182** S. 71A applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(e)**
- C183** S. 71A applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(e)**
- C184** S. 71A applied (with modifications) (E.) (6.4.2008) by [Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(England\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/465\)](#), art. 1(c) **reg. 21(1)(b)**
- C185** S. 71A applied (W.) (3.6.2008) by [The Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1275\)](#), regs. 1, **21(1)(b)**

72 Offences made and declared by and under this Act.

A person is guilty of an offence against this Act who, without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall lie on him—

- (a) does or omits anything the doing or omission of which is declared by this Act or by an order of the Minister to be an offence by that person against this Act; or
- (b) does anything which by this Act or such an order is made or declared to be not lawful.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C186** S. 72 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**

73 General offences.

A person is guilty of an offence against this Act who, without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall lie on him—

- (a) does anything in contravention of this Act, or of an order of the Minister,^[F39] or of regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under this Act,] or of a regulation of a local authority; or

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- (b) fails to give, produce, observe or do any notice, licence, rule or thing which by this Act or such an order or regulation he is required to give, produce, observe or do.

Textual Amendments

- F39** Words in s. 73(a) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3(1)** (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C187** S. 73 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(g)**
- C188** S. 73 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(g)**
- C189** S. 73 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(g)**
- C190** S. 73 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(g)**
- C191** S. 73 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(g)**
- C192** S. 73 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/531\)](#), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(g)**
- C193** S. 73 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C194** S. 73 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C195** S. 73 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C196** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C197** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(g)**
- C198** S. 73 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(g)**
- C199** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/337\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(h)**
- C200** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C201** S. 73 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(f)**
- C202** S. 73 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(f)**
- C203** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(f)**
- C204** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(f)**
- C205** S. 73 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by [Welfare of Animals \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/606\)](#), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**
- C206** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (E.) (6.4.2008) by [Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(England\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/465\)](#), art. 1(c) **reg. 21(1)(c)**
- C207** S. 73 applied (W.) (3.6.2008) by [The Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1275\)](#), regs. 1, **21(1)(c)**

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Further provisions as to punishment of offences

74 Liability under the customs and excise Acts.

A person who—

(a) lands or ships or attempts to land or ship [^{F40}or brings or attempts to bring through the tunnel system as defined in the Channel Tunnel Act 1987] an animal or thing, and

(b) by so doing is in contravention of this Act or of an order of the Minister, is liable under and according to the customs and excise Acts to the penalties imposed on persons importing or exporting or attempting to import or export goods the importation or exportation of which is prohibited.

This section is without prejudice to any proceeding under this Act against such a person for an offence against this Act.

Textual Amendments

F40 Words inserted by [S.I. 1990/2371, art. 2\(1\), Sch. 1](#)

[^{F41} 75 Penalties for certain summary offences **E+W**

- (1) This section applies to any offence under this Act for which no penalty is specified.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence to which this section applies is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.]

Extent Information

E2 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

F41 S. 75 substituted (14.1.2003) by [2002 c. 42, s. 13; S.I. 2002/3044, art. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C208** S. 75 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(h)**
- C209** S. 75 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(h)**
- C210** S. 75 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(h)**
- C211** S. 75 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(h)**
- C212** S. 75 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C213** S. 75 applied (E.) (with modifications) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C214** S. 75 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**

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- C215** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(3)**
- C216** S. 75 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(3)**
- C217** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(3)**
- C218** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(3)**
- C219** S. 75 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(3)**
- C220** S. 75 applied (W.) (with modifications) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(3)**
- C221** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(3)**
- C222** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(3)**
- C223** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (E.) (6.4.2008) by [Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(England\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/465\)](#), art. 1(c)**reg. 21(2)**
- C224** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (3.6.2008) by [The Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1275\)](#), regs. 1, **21(2)**

[^{F53}75 Penalties and time limits for certain offences: Scotland S

- (1) This section applies to any offence under this Act for which no penalty is specified by any other provision of this Act.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence to which this section applies is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.
- (3) Proceedings for an offence to which this section applies may be brought within the period of 6 months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to the prosecutor's knowledge.
- (4) No such proceedings may be brought more than 3 years—
 - (a) after the commission of the offence; or
 - (b) in the case of an offence involving a continuous contravention, after the last date on which the offence was committed.
- (5) It shall be competent in a prosecution of an offence involving a continuous contravention to include the entire period during which the contravention occurred.
- (6) For the purposes of this section proceedings shall be deemed to be commenced on the date on which a warrant to apprehend or to cite the accused is granted provided that the warrant is executed without undue delay.
- (7) A certificate signed by or on behalf of the prosecutor and stating the date on which such evidence came to the prosecutor's knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact; and a certificate stating that matter and purporting to be so signed is to be treated as being so signed unless the contrary is proved.]

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Extent Information

- E4** This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales only

Textual Amendments

- F53** S. 75 substituted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), **ss. 14, 55(1)** (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C208** S. 75 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2985\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(h)**
- C209** S. 75 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2990\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(h)**
- C210** S. 75 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2984\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)(h)**
- C211** S. 75 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2989\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(h)**
- C212** S. 75 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3384\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C213** S. 75 applied (E.) (with modifications) (9.12.2005) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3394\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C214** S. 75 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures in Zoos\) \(Wales\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3385\)](#), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C215** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/180\)](#), regs. 1(2), **36(3)**
- C216** S. 75 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(Control of Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/183\)](#), regs. 1(2), **37(3)**
- C217** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by [Foot and Mouth Disease \(Slaughter and Vaccination\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/45\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41(3)**
- C218** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1761\)](#), regs. 1(2), **18(3)**
- C219** S. 75 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2701\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(3)**
- C220** S. 75 applied (W.) (with modifications) (13.11.2006) by [Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2803\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(3)**
- C221** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(Wales\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2932\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(3)**
- C222** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by [The Avian Influenza \(Vaccination\) \(England\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2703\)](#), regs. 1(2), **21(3)**
- C223** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (E.) (6.4.2008) by [Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(England\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/465\)](#), art. 1(c)**reg. 21(2)**
- C224** S. 75 applied (with modifications) (W.) (3.6.2008) by [The Products of Animal Origin \(Disease Control\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1275\)](#), regs. 1, **21(2)**

76 Certain importation offences triable either summarily or on indictment.

(1) Where—

- (a) an offence against this Act which is declared to be such by an order under section 10 above, and

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(b) that order is expressed to be made for the purpose of preventing the introduction of rabies into Great Britain,
that offence may be tried either summarily or on indictment.

- (2) For an offence triable under subsection (1) above a person shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

- (3) Where an order under section 10 declares that this subsection applies to an offence which consists of—
- (a) a contravention of, or failure to comply with, any provision of that order, or
 - (b) a failure to observe any conditions to which a licence issued in accordance with that order is subject,

that offence may be tried either summarily or on indictment, and a person convicted of such an offence shall be liable as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) above.

^{F42}(4)

Textual Amendments

F42 S. 76(4) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt.XIV**.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C225 S. 76(3) applied by **S.I. 1986/2265, arts. 11, 12**

^{F43}**76A Fixed penalty notices**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for or in connection with the issuing of fixed penalty notices in relation to certain offences.
- (2) The offences in relation to which fixed penalty notices may be issued must be specified in or by virtue of regulations under subsection (1).
- (3) The offences which may be specified are offences—
 - (a) under—
 - (i) this Act,
 - (ii) orders or regulations made under this Act (whether made before, on or after the coming into force of this section),
 - (iii) the Bees Act 1980,
 - (iv) orders made under the Bees Act 1980 (whether made before, on or after the coming into force of this section), or
 - (v) another enactment (whether made or, as the case may be, passed before, on or after the coming into force of this section) which the Scottish Ministers consider relates to animal health, and
 - (b) in relation to which the maximum penalty on conviction does not exceed imprisonment for a term of 6 months or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale (or both).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) may in particular include provision—

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- (a) subject to subsections (6) and (7), prescribing the form of a fixed penalty notice,
- (b) prescribing the persons or categories of persons who are authorised to issue fixed penalty notices,
- (c) conferring on the Scottish Ministers the power to authorise a person to issue fixed penalty notices,
- (d) conferring powers to enter premises (other than dwelling-houses) in connection with the issuing of fixed penalty notices,
- (e) about the circumstances in which fixed penalty notices may be issued (including the test which must be satisfied before a person authorised to issue such notices may do so),
- (f) about the circumstances in which fixed penalty notices may not be issued,
- (g) about the circumstances in which fixed penalty notices may be withdrawn (including the effects of such withdrawal),
- (h) prescribing the amount of the fixed penalty which is to apply to an offence, being not more than level 5 on the standard scale,
- (i) prescribing the person to whom payment may be made (who need not be the person who issued the fixed penalty notice),
- (j) prescribing the period of time within which a fixed penalty may be paid (in this section, the “payment period”),
- (k) about the circumstances in which a person to whom a fixed penalty notice is issued may decline the notice or otherwise object to or challenge it (including the period within which the person may do so),
- (l) about the effects of failing to decline or otherwise object to or challenge a fixed penalty notice before the end of the period prescribed for doing so (including that such failure is deemed to be acceptance of the notice),
- (m) conferring on the person who issued the fixed penalty notice or the person to whom payment may be made the power to extend the payment period in any particular case if the person considers it appropriate to do so,
- (n) about the methods by which fixed penalties may be paid,
- (o) for the amount of a fixed penalty to be discounted or increased by an amount or percentage in circumstances prescribed by the regulations (but not so as to make the amount payable more than level 5 on the standard scale),
- (p) prescribing the effect of paying a fixed penalty within the payment period (for example, that no proceedings may be brought in respect of the offence to which the fixed penalty notice relates),
- (q) about the consequences of not paying a fixed penalty within the payment period (including how liability to pay the penalty may be enforced),
- (r) for additional procedure relating to fixed penalty notices (for example to make provision for hearings or appeals),
- (s) for the destination of funds, the keeping of accounts and the preparation and publication of statements of account relating to fixed penalties provided for under the regulations,
- (t) creating offences relating to—
 - (i) obstruction of a person who is exercising functions in relation to fixed penalty notices,
 - (ii) a failure to provide information requested in connection with a fixed penalty notice.

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- (5) The maximum penalty that may be provided for in regulations under subsection (1) creating an offence is, on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (6) A fixed penalty notice provided for in regulations under subsection (1) must—
- (a) identify the offence to which it relates, and
 - (b) specify reasonable particulars of the circumstances alleged to constitute the offence.
- (7) A fixed penalty notice provided for in regulations under subsection (1) must also state—
- (a) the date on which the fixed penalty notice is issued,
 - (b) the amount of the fixed penalty,
 - (c) the person to whom payment may be made and the person's address,
 - (d) the payment period,
 - (e) the method by which payment may be made,
 - (f) the effect of paying the fixed penalty within the payment period and the consequences of not paying the fixed penalty within that period,
 - (g) details of any procedure for challenging or appealing the fixed penalty notice.
- (8) In this section—
- “animal” includes bees in any stage of their life cycle,
 - “enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament and an instrument under such an Act,
 - “fixed penalty notice” means a notice specifying a sum of money that may or must be paid as an alternative to prosecution for an offence.
- (9) Regulations under this section—
- (a) are subject to the affirmative procedure,
 - (b) may make—
 - (i) incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision,
 - (ii) different provision for different purposes,
 - (c) may modify any enactment (including this Act).]

Textual Amendments

F43 S. 76A inserted (S.) (30.11.2020) by [Animals and Wildlife \(Penalties, Protections and Powers\) \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(asp 14\)](#), ss. 6, 22(2); S.S.I. 2020/379, reg. 2(1), sch.

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77 Money recoverable summarily.

Any money by this Act or an order of the Minister made recoverable summarily may be so recovered as a civil debt, and in England and Wales this shall be in accordance with the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980.

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Textual Amendments

F44 Words in s. 77 repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **Sch. 1 Pt. 17** Group 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C226** S. 77 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2989), regs. 1, **10(1)(i)**
- C227** S. 77 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/530), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(h)**
- C228** S. 77 applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2990), regs. 1, **7(1)(i)**
- C229** S. 77 applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/531), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(h)**
- C230** S. 77 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2985), regs. 1, **10(1)(i)**
- C231** S. 77 applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2984), regs. 1, **7(1)(i)**
- C232** S. 77 applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (No.2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3394), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C233** S. 77 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3385), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C234** S. 77 applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3384), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C235** S. 77 applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/180), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
- C236** S. 77 modified (E.) (23.2.2006) by Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/183), regs. 1(2), **37(1)(h)**
- C237** S. 77 applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by Foot and Mouth Disease (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/45), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(h)**
- C238** S. 77 applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by Avian Influenza (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/337), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(i)**
- C239** S. 77 applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1761), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C240** S. 77 applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2803), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(g)**
- C241** S. 77 applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2701), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(g)**
- C242** S. 77 applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2703), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(g)**
- C243** S. 77 applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) (No.2) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2932), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(g)**
- C244** S. 77 applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/606), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**
- C245** S. 77 applied (with modifications) (E.) (6.4.2008) by Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/465), art. 1(c)**reg. 21(1)(d)**
- C246** S. 77 applied (W.) (3.6.2008) by The Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1275), regs. 1, **21(1)(d)**

78 Appeal.

If any person thinks himself aggrieved—

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(a) by the dismissal of a complaint by, or
(b) by any determination or adjudication of,
a magistrates' court in England or Wales under this Act, he may appeal to the Crown Court.

Nothing in this section applies in relation to an offence punishable under section 4 above.

79 Evidence and procedure.

- (1) In any proceeding under this Act no proof shall be required of the appointment or handwriting of an inspector or other officer of the Minister or of the clerk or an inspector or other officer of a local authority.
- (2) Where the owner or person in charge of an animal^[F45], bird or amphibian] is charged with an offence against this Act relative to disease or to any illness of the animal^[F45], bird or amphibian], he shall be presumed to have known of the existence of the disease or illness unless and until he shows to the court's satisfaction that—
- (a) he had not knowledge of the existence of that disease or illness, and
(b) he could not with reasonable diligence have obtained that knowledge.

^[F46](2A) In subsection (2)—

“ animal ” means any kind of mammal (except man);
“disease” is not restricted by its definition in this Act.]

- (3) Where a person—
- (a) is charged with an offence against this Act in not having duly cleansed or disinfected any place, vessel, aircraft, vehicle or thing belonging to him or under his charge, and
(b) a presumption against him on the part of the prosecution is raised,
it shall lie on him to prove the due cleansing and disinfection mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (4) Every offence against this Act shall be deemed to have been committed, and every cause of complaint or matter for summary proceeding under this Act or an order of the Minister^[F47] or regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under this Act] or regulation of a local authority shall be deemed to have arisen, either in any place—
- (a) where it actually was committed or arose; or
(b) where the person charged or complained of or proceeded against happens to be at the time of the institution or commencement of the charge, complaint or proceeding.
- (5) Nothing in subsections (2) to (4) above applies in relation to an offence under section 4 above.

Textual Amendments

- F45** Words in s. 79(2) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2
- F46** S. 79(2A) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#), s. 55(1), [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

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F47 Words in s. 79(4) inserted (S.) (6.10.2006) by Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 11), s. 55(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3(2)(c)** (with s. 54); S.S.I. 2006/482, art. 2

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- C247** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/531), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(i)**
- C248** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2984), regs. 1, **7(1)(j)**
- C249** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (S.) (28.10.2005 at midnight) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/530), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(i)**
- C250** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (W.) (28.10.2005 at 17:20) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2985), regs. 1, **10(1)(j)**
- C251** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2990), regs. 1, **7(1)(j)**
- C252** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (E.) (28.10.2005 at 12.00 p.m.) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2989), regs. 1, **10(1)(j)**
- C253** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3385), regs. 1, **7(1)**
- C254** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (E.) (9.12.2005) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (No.2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3394), regs. 1(2), **13**
- C255** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (W.) (9.12.2005) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3384), regs. 1, **10(1)**
- C256** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) (W.) (1.2.2006) by The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/180), regs. 1(2), **36(1)**
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- C258** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) (S.) (23.2.2006) by Foot and Mouth Disease (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/45), regs. 1(1), **41(1)(i)**
- C259** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) (S.) (1.7.2006) by Avian Influenza (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/337), regs. 1(2), **26(1)(j)**
- C260** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) (W.) (6.7.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1761), regs. 1(2), **18(1)**
- C261** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (W.) (13.11.2006) by Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2803), regs. 1(1), **20(1)(h)**
- C262** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (E.) (13.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2701), regs. 1(2), **20(1)(h)**
- C263** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) (E.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2703), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(h)**
- C264** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) (W.) (14.11.2006) by The Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (Wales) (No.2) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2932), regs. 1(2), **21(1)(h)**
- C265** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (S.) (25.1.2007) by Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (S.S.I. 2006/606), regs. 1(b), **28(3)**
- C266** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) (E.) (6.4.2008) by Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/465), art. 1(c)**reg. 21(1)(e)**
- C267** S. 79(1)-(4) applied (W.) (3.6.2008) by The Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1275), regs. 1, **21(1)(e)**

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