



Animal Welfare Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 45

Promotion of welfare

12 Regulations to promote welfare

- (1) The appropriate national authority may by regulations make such provision as the authority thinks fit for the purpose of promoting the welfare of animals for which a person is responsible, or the progeny of such animals.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the power under subsection (1), regulations under that subsection may, in particular—
 - (a) make provision imposing specific requirements for the purpose of securing that the needs of animals are met;
 - (b) make provision to facilitate or improve co-ordination in relation to the carrying out by different persons of functions relating to the welfare of animals;
 - (c) make provision for the establishment of one or more bodies with functions relating to advice about the welfare of animals.
- (3) Power to make regulations under subsection (1) includes power—
 - (a) to provide that breach of a provision of the regulations is an offence;
 - (b) to apply a relevant post-conviction power in relation to conviction for an offence under the regulations;
 - (c) to make provision for fees or other charges in relation to the carrying out of functions under the regulations;
 - (d) to make different provision for different cases or areas;
 - (e) to provide for exemptions from a provision of the regulations, either subject to specified conditions or without conditions;
 - (f) to make incidental, supplementary, consequential or transitional provision or savings.
- (4) Power to make regulations under subsection (1) does not include power to create an offence triable on indictment or punishable with—
 - (a) imprisonment for a term exceeding 51 weeks, or

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- (b) a fine exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide that a specified offence under the regulations is to be treated as a relevant offence for the purposes of section 23.
- (6) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the appropriate national authority shall consult such persons appearing to the authority to represent any interests concerned as the authority considers appropriate.
- (7) In this section, “specified” means specified in regulations under subsection (1).