



# Animal Welfare Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 45

### *Codes of practice*

#### **15 Making and approval of codes of practice: England**

- (1) Where the Secretary of State proposes to issue (or revise) a code of practice under section 14, he shall—
  - (a) prepare a draft of the code (or revised code),
  - (b) consult about the draft such persons appearing to him to represent any interests concerned as he considers appropriate, and
  - (c) consider any representations made by them.
- (2) If following consultation under subsection (1) the Secretary of State decides to proceed with a draft (either in its original form or with such modifications as he thinks fit), he shall lay a copy of it before Parliament.
- (3) If, within the 40-day period, either House of Parliament resolves not to approve a draft laid under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall take no further steps in relation to it.
- (4) If, within the 40-day period, neither House resolves not to approve a draft laid under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall issue (or revise) the code in the form of the draft.
- (5) A code (or revised code) shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint.
- (6) Subsection (3) does not prevent a new draft of a code (or revised code) from being laid before Parliament.
- (7) An order under subsection (5) may include transitional provision or savings.
- (8) In this section, “the 40-day period”, in relation to a draft laid under subsection (2), means—
  - (a) if the draft is laid before the Houses on different days, the period of 40 days beginning with the later of the two days, and

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(b) in any other case, the period of 40 days beginning with the day on which the draft is laid before each House,  
no account being taken of any period during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.