

SCHEDULE

Amendments to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966

7. Section 27(1) (interpretation) is amended as follows—

(a) The definition of “Commonwealth qualification” and “foreign qualification” is omitted.

(b) For the definition of “national”, there is substituted—

“national” in relation to a member State, includes any person who, by virtue of any enforceable Community right, is entitled to be treated, for the purposes of access to the veterinary profession, no less favourably than a national of such a State, but does not include a person who by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No. 3 (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession is not to benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services.

(c) The following definitions are inserted in the appropriate places in alphabetical order—

“Commonwealth qualification” means a qualification granted in a place outside the United Kingdom which is within the Commonwealth;

“EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 and by Decision 84/2002 of the EEA Joint Committee;

“foreign qualification” means a qualification granted in a place outside the United Kingdom and outside the Commonwealth;

“member State” means a state which is a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement or Switzerland;

“the Recognition Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1026/EEC](#) concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in veterinary medicine, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council;

“registration appeals committee” means the committee of the Council referred to in section 5D of this Act;

“Scheduled European qualification” means a qualification set out in Schedule 1A to this Act;

“the Training Directive” means Community Council Directive [78/1027/EEC](#) concerning the co-ordination of provisions in respect of the activities of veterinary surgeons, as last amended by Directive [2001/19/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁽¹⁾

(1) For the EEA Agreement, see O.J. L 001, 3/1/1994; for Decision 84/2002 of the EEA Joint Committee, see O.J. L266 p47; for Directives [78/1026](#) and [78/1027](#), see O.J. L 362, 23/12/1978, pp 1-6 and pp 7-9; for Directive [2001/19/EC](#), see O.J. L 206, 31/7/2001. The Recognition Directive and the Training Directive apply to members of the European Economic Area by virtue of article 30 and by paragraphs 12 and 13 of Annex VII of the EEA Agreement. The Directives apply to Switzerland by virtue of the Agreement between the EC and Switzerland on the free movement of persons: O.J. L114, 30.4.2002 (see article 9 and annex III, section A, paragraphs 11 and 12).