
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations make amendments to The BSE Monitoring (Wales) Regulations 2001 ([S.I. 2001/2360 \(W. 197\)](#)).

The amendments give effect to the obligations in article 1.1 of Commission Regulation ([EC No. 1248/2001](#) (OJ No. L173, 27.6.2001, p.12) amending Annex III to Regulation ([EC No. 999/2001](#) (OJ No. L147, 31.5.2001, p.1) as regards epidemio-surveillance and testing of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

These require member states to ensure that certain categories of bovine animals over 24 months of age are examined in accordance with the prescribed minimum requirements for monitoring BSE. The definition of “a notifiable bovine animal” has been amended as a consequence to reflect the change in age of animals to which the obligation applies.

An amendment is also made to paragraphs (1) and (4) of regulation 3 to delete the superfluous phrase “or the carcase of such an animal,” and paragraph (2) has been substituted as a result. Regulation 4 and the definition of “premises” have been amended to provide inspectors with the power to enter all premises where bovine animal carcasses or parts of such carcasses are kept.

Consequential amendments to the definition of “notifiable bovine animal” are made to the Cattle Identification Regulations 1998 ([S.I. 1998/871](#), amended by [S.I. 1998/2969](#), [S.I. 1999/1339](#) and [S.I. 2001/2360 \(W. 197\)](#)) and the Cattle (Identification of Older Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2000 ([S.I. 2000/3339 \(W. 217\)](#), amended by [S.I. 2001/2360 \(W. 197\)](#)).