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DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: BELARUS, POLAND, ROMANIA AND UKRAINE

Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016

EU Legislation (Veterinary and Zootechnical Checks – Trade with Member States) (Jersey) Regulations 2016

EU Legislation (Veterinary Checks- Imports from Third Countries (Jersey) Regulation 2016

The Minister for the Environment

a. has reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of rabies in Belarus, Poland, Romania and Ukraine, such that certain animals originating in or dispatched from those countries are liable to pose risk to human or animal health; and

b. is of the opinion there is serious non-compliance with official control rules under the Official Controls Regulation in relation to imports originating in or dispatched from those countries.

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 15 of the EU Legislation (Veterinary and Zootechnical Checks – Trade with Member States) (Jersey) Regulations 2016, and by regulation 11 of the EU Legislation (Veterinary Checks- Imports from Third Countries (Jersey) Regulations 2016 the Minister declares the following special measures to be necessary in Jersey in order to contain the risk to human or animal health and the risk of non-compliant animals entering Jersey:

Suspension of entry of certain animals into Jersey

Subject to regulation 15 of the EU Legislation (Veterinary and Zootechnical Checks – Trade with Member States) (Jersey) Regulations 2016, and to regulation 11 of the EU Legislation (Veterinary Checks- Imports from Third Countries (Jersey) Regulations 2016, entry into Jersey of the following animals originating in or dispatched from Belarus, Poland, Romania or Ukraine is suspended:

- a) Dogs
- b) Cats
- c) Ferrets

Except under licence to import under Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016. This suspension does not apply in relation to non-commercial movement of pet animals.

Additional conditions of entry for certain animals from certain third countries imported into Jersey.

No person shall import into Jersey animals which originate in a third country unless –

- (a) the checks required by Article 49(1) of the Official Controls Regulation have been carried out on or in relation to the animals at a border control post in another part of the British Islands or another member State;
- (b) the entry of the animals into the Community area is not prohibited pursuant to the Official Controls Regulation;
- (c) the animals are transported to Jersey from a place in the Community area without entering the territory of a third country;
- (d) the animals are accompanied by the documentation required by the Official Controls Regulation or equivalent documentation prescribed or specified by any law of the United Kingdom to accompany the animals to a place of destination in the Community area; and
- (e) in the case of animals that are not subject to harmonized health rules, the animals satisfy the conditions of importation imposed by or under any enactment.

Additional notice requirements

- (1) An importer or consignee of animals must notify the Minister, in writing, at least one working day before the expected arrival of the consignment, of the nature of the consignment, its anticipated date of arrival in Jersey and the place of destination.
- (2) The Minister may reduce the period for the notification in paragraph (1) to at least 4 hours before the expected time of arrival if the importer or consignee provides evidence that it is not reasonably practicable to provide notification one working day in advance.
- (3) In this Regulation “working day” means any day, other than –
 - (a) a Saturday or Sunday;
 - (b) Christmas Day or Good Friday; or
 - (c) a day that is a public holiday under the [Public Holidays and Bank Holidays \(Jersey\) Act 2010](#).

Licence to import under Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016

- (1) Where a licence is granted under any relevant legislation it must be in writing and may be –
 - (a) either of general application (a “general licence”) or specific to any particular animal, bird, person, premises or any other thing or particular situation (a “specific licence”);
 - (b) subject to conditions; and
 - (c) amended, suspended or revoked in writing at any time.
- (2) A person moving an animal or bird or thing under the authority of a specific licence must –
 - (a) carry the licence or a copy of it at all times during the movement;
 - (b) when so demanded by an inspector, produce the licence or a copy of it and allow a copy to be taken of it or details to be extracted from it; and

- (c) retain the licence relating to each movement for at least 6 months after the last movement made under its authority.
- (3) A person moving an animal, bird or thing under the authority of a general licence must –
 - (a) at all times during the movement, carry a document containing details of –
 - (i) what is being transported, including the quantity,
 - (ii) the date of the movement,
 - (iii) the names of the persons responsible for the animal, bird or thing being moved at the place of departure and the place of destination,
 - (iv) the addresses of the place of departure and the place of destination;
 - (b) when so demanded by an inspector, produce the document and allow a copy to be taken of it or details to be extracted from it; and state which general licence gives the authority for the movement; and
 - (c) retain the documentation relating to each movement for at least 6 months after the last movement made under its authority.
- (4) If an animal, bird or thing has been moved to premises under a licence, an inspector may serve a notice on the occupier of those premises imposing such restrictions in relation to the premises as the inspector considers are necessary to reduce the risk of spreading disease.
- (5) A person to whom a licence is granted under any relevant legislation must comply with any conditions of the licence.
- (6) Where the licence is required or authorized to be granted by a veterinary inspector, it may also be granted by an inspector acting under the direction of a veterinary inspector.
- (7) The Minister must publicize in such manner as he or she considers appropriate any general licence including –
 - (a) the purpose of the licence and the conditions attached to it; and
 - (b) the date on which the licence becomes operative and, if applicable, is amended, suspended or revoked.
- (8) If an inspector has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person has contravened the terms of a general licence, the Minister may serve a notice under Article 23 preventing the person from making use of any general licence.

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A person duly authorised by the Minister of the Environment

An import in breach of this declaration is an offence under regulation 22 of the EU Legislation (Veterinary and Zootechnical Checks – Trade with Member States) (Jersey) Regulations 2016.

An import in breach of this declaration is an offence under regulation 16 of the EU Legislation (Veterinary Checks- Imports from Third Countries) (Jersey) Regulation 2016.