

**National Assembly for Wales**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to The Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 (1954 c.46) in its application to Wales by reducing the age beyond which castration of pigs may not be performed without anaesthetic from 4 weeks to 7 days in order to implement Commission Directive 2001/93/EC (OJ No. L 316 1.12.2001 p. 36). Conditions that apply to the keeping of pigs are contained in the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Wales) Regulations 2001, as amended.

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*Made 2003*

*Coming into force 30<sup>th</sup> May 2003*

The National Assembly for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954() and now vested in it, after consultation with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and with such persons appearing to the National Assembly for Wales to represent appropriate agricultural interests, makes the following Order:

## **Title, application and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Amendment Order 2003, applies in relation to Wales and comes into force on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2003.

## **Amendment of the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954**

2. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 (Excepted Operations) to the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Act 1954 for the words "pig... 8 days" are substituted for "pig... 4 weeks".

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998()

Date

The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly