



## Foot and Mouth Disease – Bulletin 5/6

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Dear Member

It has now been agreed that live animals and meat products can be exported from outside of the surveillance zone in Surrey from Saturday 25 August to the rest of the European Union with additional veterinary supervision and certification.

Alongside this resumption of exports, the GB-wide movement ban on live animals will be lifted from midnight on 23 August 2007 outside the surveillance zone in Surrey. **However**, as a precautionary measure the following restrictions will remain in place:

- Animals will need to remain on the premises they moved to for 20 days before being moved again, the only exceptions to this will be movements within the same holding of less than 8km, and movements direct to slaughter.
- Animal markets, shows and gatherings are currently prohibited except in the case of collection centres for dispatch to slaughter. This prohibition remains in place pending further announcements.

In addition the two 3km radius protection zones in Surrey are being lifted at noon on 24 August 2007. The Chief Veterinary Officer has decided that as a precaution a 5km radius Temporary Pirbright Biosecurity Area will be put in place around the Pirbright site. The 10km radius surveillance zone will remain in place.

In practical terms for llama owners, this means:

- Buying and selling of llamas can resume, as long as the llamas remain at their destination for 20 days before being moved again.
- Trekking cannot resume yet.
- Showing cannot resume yet.

Hopefully we will soon be informed that all movement restrictions have been lifted, but until that time we urge all members to operate within the DEFRA requirements.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

### **NEWS UPDATE:**

Since sending the above message by email, Defra has changed its view regarding camelids as follows:

We have just had a long talk to Defra Animal Health Department who have confirmed that Trekking/Walking of camelids **can now go ahead** (from 23 August 2007). Also there is **no 20 day standdown** for Camelids although there is for cattle, sheep, pigs and deer.

It is suggested by Defra that it would be good biosecurity not to move animals on for 20 days but there is no law as we have reverted back to the Disease Control Order 2003 which does not include camelids.

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