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Dear Sir / Madam

Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 - Sections 32A – 32M – Authorisation of legal persons

As you may know the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”), has been amended by the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”), which came into force fully on 30 September 2021.

The 2020 Act introduced new functions (under sections 32A – 32M of the 2006 Act) for authorised persons to effectively deal with animals seized to protect their welfare. Authorised persons for these functions may be legal persons and it appears appropriate for certain organisations, including organisations which employ inspectors appointed under the 2006 Act, to be authorised to carry out the functions under sections 32A – 32M of the 2006 Act so that the functions can be exercised directly by the organisations.

Therefore, the Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the power conferred by section 32A(10)(b)(ii) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 as amended from time to time (“the 2006 Act”) authorise the organisations listed in the annex to this letter to exercise the powers in section 32A(1) of the 2006 Act and any of the other functions of an authorised person under sections 32A – 32L of the 2006 Act.

Any authorisation of an organisation named above remains in force until such time as it is revoked in relation to that organisation by the Scottish Ministers.

Yours faithfully

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