
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 535

The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005

PART II

EARTAGS

Design of eartags

5.—(1) All eartags, including replacement eartags, shall be of a design approved by the Department.

(2) All eartags shall be manufactured, sold or supplied in accordance with an authorisation issued by the Department.

(3) The manufacturer shall print on the eartags all the information required by this Order and the Council Regulation.

(4) A person shall not manufacture, sell or supply an eartag for the purpose of identifying an animal, other than a sheep or goat, that is not readily distinguishable by its difference in size and colour from an approved eartag for the identification of animals under the provisions of this Order.

(5) A person shall not manufacture, sell or supply an eartag with a herd or flock number allocated by the Department to any other person for the purposes of identifying animals on any other holding.

(6) The Department may only approve an eartag under paragraph (1) if it is satisfied that the eartag is—

- (a) made of non-degradeable material;
- (b) tamper-proof;
- (c) easy to read throughout the animal's lifetime;
- (d) designed to remain attached to the animal without being harmful to it;
- (e) incapable of re-use; and
- (f) permanently marked with the information required by this Order.