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

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 and comes into operation on 1st December 2005.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“approved eartag” in relation to an animal means an eartag approved by the Department and bearing the details specified in Article 4 or such other information as the Department may authorise in writing;

“assembly centre” means an assembly centre as defined in regulation 2(1) of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005⁽¹⁾ and approved by the Department in accordance with regulation 12(2) of those Regulations;

“collection centre” means any premises used by a dealer for the intermediate reception of animals intended to be moved elsewhere (but does not include a market);

“Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 of 17 December 2003 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Directives 92/102/EEC and 64/432/EEC⁽²⁾;

“Divisional Veterinary Office” means the Divisional Veterinary Office of the Department for the area in which a holding is located;

“flock number” means the number allocated to a flock of sheep under Article 3(4);

“herd number” means the number allocated to a herd of goats under Article 3(4);

“holding number” means a number allocated by the Department under Article 3(4) to any holding on which any animals are kept;

“incineration plant” means an incineration plant to which regulation 14 of the Animal By-Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽³⁾ applies;

“individual animal identification number” means the unique numeric sequence on an approved eartag on an animal by which the animal may be identified;

(1) S.R. 2005 No. 78

(2) O.J. No. L 5, 09.01.2004, p. 8

(3) S.R. 2003 No. 495

“market” means a market place, sale yard or any other premises or place to which animals are brought from any other place to be exposed for sale and includes any place, lairage or parking area adjoining a market and used in connection with it;

“market dispatch document” means a document authorised by the Department for completion by a market operator in respect of the movement of animals from a market;

“member State” means any member State of the European Union other than the United Kingdom;

“movement document” means the pre-printed document supplied by the Department to a keeper for use in the notification of the movement of an animal for the purposes of Article 18;

“previous Orders” means—

- (a) the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 1997(4);
- (b) the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998(5); and
- (c) the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 2004(6);

“reconciliation period” means the period between 1st December and 5th December in a calendar year;

“processing plant” means a processing plant to which regulation 14 of the Animal By-Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 applies;

“slaughterhouse” means any premises licensed under the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(7) and used for the slaughtering of animals the flesh of which is intended for human consumption; and

“vehicle” means any form of road transport conveyance used for the movement of animals and includes a trailer.

(2) Other expressions defined in the Council Regulation have the same meaning in this Order.

Notification of a holding

3.—(1) A person who keeps an animal on a holding shall comply with Article 7(2) of the Council Regulation and this Article.

(2) Subject to paragraph (6), a person who keeps an animal on a holding shall give notice to the Department containing particulars of—

- (a) the address of the holding;
- (b) the name and address of the owner, and, if different the occupier of the holding;
- (c) the name and address of the keeper of the animal;
- (d) any numbers or codes used to identify animals on the holding;
- (e) any cattle or pigs on the holding; and
- (f) in relation to—
 - (i) cattle on the holding, any unique identification code allocated under regulation 3(1)
 - (b) of the Cattle Identification (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(8); and

(4) S.R. 1997 No. 173 as amended by S.R.1998 No. 393 and revoked by S.R. 2004 No. 491

(5) S.R. 1998 No. 393 revoked by S.R.2004 No. 491

(6) S.R. 2004 No. 491

(7) S.R. 1997 No. 493 as amended by S.R. 1998 No. 237, S.R. 2000 No. 78, S.R. 2000 No. 191, S.R. No. 2000 No. 287 and S.R. 2002 No. 217

(8) S.R. 1998 No. 279 as amended by S.R. 1999 No. 324 and S.R. 2004 No. 420

(ii) pigs on the holding, a holding number allocated under paragraph 3(3) of the Schedule to the Aujeszky's Disease Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1994⁽⁹⁾.

(3) In the case of a holding used for keeping animals on the date this Order comes into operation the notice required by paragraph (2) shall be given within 7 days of that date and in any other case shall be given within 7 days of the holding first being used to keep animals.

(4) On receiving notification under paragraph (2), the Department may allocate to the keeper, a holding number and, in the case of sheep, a flock number or, in the case of goats, a herd number.

(5) Where in relation to a holding to which paragraph (1) applies—

(a) there is a change in the identity of the person keeping animals on the holding or in any other details notified under this Article;

(b) all the animals on the holding are slaughtered, sold or otherwise disposed of,

the keeper shall notify the Department accordingly within 30 days of such change or disposal of animals.

(6) A notification made to the Department under Article 3 (1) of the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 shall, notwithstanding the revocation of that Order, be regarded as a notification for the purpose of paragraph (2).