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

PART V

MOVEMENT DOCUMENTS

Movement documents

18.—(1) A keeper shall comply with Article 6 of the Council Regulation and this Article.

(2) For the purposes of Article 6(1) of the Council Regulation, the movement document shall be completed by the keeper and shall be in the form set out in Schedule 3.

(3) A keeper shall not move or cause or permit to be moved, any animal from a holding unless—

- (a) the Department has allocated to the keeper a herd or flock number in respect of that holding;
- (b) the animal is identified in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Order;
- (c) he notifies the Department in accordance with Article 19 and the animal is accompanied by a movement document correctly completed and signed by the keeper in accordance with this Article.

(4) In relation to the movement of an animal off a holding, the keeper shall correctly complete and sign a movement document in accordance with paragraph (5).

(5) A movement document shall contain the following details—

- (a) the total number and categories of animals moving off the holding;
- (b) the details on the natal tag and, if it is different, the details on the second means of identification (in the case of any animal identified in accordance with Article 4 (2)(a) and (b) of the Council Regulation);
- (c) in the case of an animal originating in another member State and identified with both a first and second means of identification in accordance with Article 4(2)(a) and (b) of the Council Regulation, the original identification applied to the animal in that member State;
- (d) the flock or herd number of the animals moving off the holding and the individual animal identification number of each animal;
- (e) the keeper's name, address and holding number;
- (f) the date of movement of the animals off the holding;
- (g) the name and address of the transporter, the means of transport and the registration number of the vehicle in which the animals are moved off the holding; and
- (h) the purchaser's name, address, holding number and signature.

(6) The duty of a keeper to correctly complete a movement document in accordance with paragraph (4) shall also apply to the operator of a slaughterhouse if for any reason live animals are rejected from the slaughterhouse.

(7) Where an animal is moving off a holding to a market, collection centre, exhibition or show, the keeper shall, in addition to the information set out in paragraph (5), record the name and address of the market, collection centre, exhibition or show.

Supply of a movement or market dispatch document

19.—(1) A movement or market dispatch document shall be—

- (a) sent to the Divisional Veterinary Office within 7 days of the movement to which it relates; or
- (b) where the keeper is the operator of a market or slaughterhouse, delivered by him to the Divisional Veterinary Office on the day of movement to which it relates or, where this is not reasonably practicable, on the next following working day.

(2) The keeper of an animal shall ensure that a copy of the movement or market dispatch document accompanies the animal to which it relates while it is in transit and shall, on demand made by an inspector or by a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland—

- (a) produce that document and allow a copy thereof or an extract therefrom to be taken; and
- (b) furnish his name and address.

(3) For the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Council Regulation, a person to whom a movement or market dispatch document is supplied under this Article shall keep a copy of such document for a period of 3 years following the end of the month in which the document was received.

(4) A keeper of an animal who supplies a movement document in accordance with this Article shall keep a copy of such document for a period of 3 years following the end of the month in which the document was supplied.

(5) The derogation in Article 6(4) of the Council Regulation shall not apply.

(6) In the case of an animal moved to another holding—

- (a) upon its arrival at the holding of destination, the transporter shall give a copy of the movement or market dispatch document to the keeper at the holding of destination; and
- (b) the keeper at the holding of destination shall send the original movement or market dispatch document to the Divisional Veterinary Office within 7 days of the animal's arrival at the holding of destination.

(7) A person required by this Order to keep a copy of a movement or market dispatch document shall on demand by an inspector, produce to him that movement or market dispatch document and such an inspector shall be entitled to inspect and take extracts therefrom.

Electronic notification

20.—(1) The Department may authorise any person to notify the movement of an animal for the purposes of Article 19 by electronic means.

(2) An authorisation under this Article shall specify the format in which the data is to be transmitted and the method of transmission.

(3) Where a keeper is authorised under this Article to notify the movement of any animal by electronic means, any notification he gives pursuant to that authorisation shall contain the same information in relation to that movement and be delivered to the Department within the same time limits as would be required in the case of a notification by a movement document under Article 19.

Market operators

21.—(1) This Article shall apply in addition to the requirements of Article 5 of the Council Regulation and Article 19.

(2) The owner or person in charge of a market shall—

- (a) ensure that an animal is not accepted into the market for sale or sold at the market unless it is identified in accordance with this Order;
- (b) ensure that an animal is not accepted or exposed for sale or displayed at any market unless it is accompanied by a valid copy of a movement document in accordance with Article 19;
- (c) ensure that all animals are divided into groups of one or more animals immediately upon their arrival at the market and that a lot number is allocated to each group and recorded on the movement document which accompanied the animals into the market;
- (d) record the lot number allocated under sub-paragraph (c) in the holding register at the market;
- (e) endorse the movement or market dispatch document relating to any animal sold in the market with—
 - (i) the name, address and flock or herd number of the person who purchased the animals;
 - (ii) the lot number of the sale;
 - (iii) the name and address of the market; and
 - (iv) the name and address of the transporter and the registration number of the vehicle in which the animals were removed from the market;
- (f) prior to any animal leaving the market, supply the keeper of the animal with a copy of a movement or market dispatch document including full details of the holding or slaughterhouse to which the animal is being consigned;
- (g) return the movement or market dispatch documents referred to in (e) and (f) to the Divisional Veterinary Office in accordance with Article 19(1)(b); and
- (h) retain a copy of any movement or market dispatch document for an animal entering or leaving the market for a period of 3 years following the end of the month in which the document was completed.