
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 535

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

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Export of animals to a member State

22.—(1) A person who exports or consigns for export to a member State, any animal, shall ensure that, in addition to any other requirement in this Order for the identification of the animal, it has attached to its left ear, in such a position as not to obscure any other tag, a blue approved eartag bearing—

- (a) the indicator “UK 9” and the flock or herd number of the exporter; and
- (b) an individual animal identification number relevant to that holding.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person shall not export to a member State—

- (a) any animal which has lost both its approved eartags from the left and right ears or to which an orange approved eartag has been applied in accordance with paragraph 1(4) (c) of Schedule 1;
- (b) an animal born on or before 8th July 2005 if it is marked with an eartag or tattoo with the letter “R” indicating that it is a replacement eartag or tattoo applied in accordance with the equivalent legislation in Great Britain; or
- (c) an animal born on or after 9th July 2005 if the first means of identification has been lost or damaged and not replaced or not replaced in accordance with the equivalent legislation in Great Britain.

Slaughterhouse operators

23. The owner or person in charge of a slaughterhouse shall—

- (a) take reasonable steps to satisfy himself of the place of origin and movement history of any animal presented for slaughter;
- (b) ensure that an animal is not accepted for slaughter or slaughtered unless it is identified in accordance with this Order;
- (c) with the exception of those animals in the category specified at paragraph (e), ensure that an animal is not accepted for slaughter unless it is accompanied by a valid copy of a movement document in accordance with Article 19;
- (d) endorse the movement document relating to the animal with the name and address of the owner or person in charge of the slaughterhouse and such further information as the Department may specify on the movement document;

- (e) in the case of an animal not originating from a holding in Northern Ireland but moving directly to the slaughterhouse from the point of import, ensure—
 - (i) that it is accompanied by the original veterinary health certificate from the country/region of origin or a copy of the same endorsed by an inspector;
 - (ii) that the certificate described at sub-paragraph (i) is surrendered to an inspector at the slaughterhouse at the earliest opportunity after arrival of the animal; and
 - (iii) that the veterinary health certificate described at sub-paragraph (i) is endorsed in a manner specified by the Department upon acceptance of an animal for slaughter, ensuring that every detail specified by the Department in respect of an imported animal has been recorded on the document;
- (f) retain a copy of the veterinary health certificate referred to in (e) or the completed movement document referred to in (d) for a period of 3 years following the end of the month in which the document was received;
- (g) remove all eartags from each animal and keep them in a secure place and surrender them to the Department on request;
- (h) provide such information or returns, as the Department shall determine, in respect of the movement of an animal into the slaughterhouse.

Processing plants, collection centres and incineration plants

24.—(1) The operator of a processing plant, collection centre or incineration plant shall—

- (a) remove any eartags from a carcass and keep the eartags in a secure place and surrender them to the Department on request; or
- (b) where it is not practicable to remove any eartags from a carcass, ensure that the eartags are disposed of, along with the carcass, at a processing plant or incineration plant.

(2) In this Article “collection centre” means a collection centre to which regulation 27 of the Animal By-products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 applies.

Prohibition of movement

25.—(1) In accordance with Article 12(2) of the Council Regulation, an inspector may serve a notice on a keeper of animals on a holding prohibiting or restricting the movement of animals, or of such animals as may be specified in the notice, to or from the holding if he is satisfied that this is necessary for the enforcement of the Council Regulation or this Order.

(2) The prohibition or restrictions imposed pursuant to a notice served under this Article shall remain in force until the notice is withdrawn.

(3) A person shall not move or cause or permit to be moved any animals specified in a notice issued under paragraph (1) except in accordance with the conditions of an authorisation issued by the Department.

Authorisations

26.—(1) An authorisation, approval, notice or permission under this Order or the Council Regulation shall be in writing, may be made subject to conditions and may be amended, suspended or revoked by notice in writing at any time.

(2) A person to whom any document specified in paragraph (1) is issued shall comply with its requirements.

Transitional and saving provisions

27. Notwithstanding Article 15, any record in respect of sheep or goats required to be kept by any person under the provisions of the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 2004⁽¹⁾ as in operation immediately before the commencement of this Order shall, if made on or before the commencement of this Order, be retained by him for a period of 3 years from the end of the month in which the last entry in the record was made.

Revocation

28. The Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 is hereby revoked.