
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 438

**The Trade in Animals and Related Products
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011**

PART 2

MOVEMENT BETWEEN MEMBER STATES

Movement of animals and genetic material between member States

5.—(1) No animal or genetic material shall be consigned to another member State, or brought into Northern Ireland from another member State, unless it is accompanied by—

- (a) the completed, signed health certificate required for that animal or genetic material in the relevant instrument in Schedule 2; or
- (b) any other document required by the instrument.

(2) The consignee of an incoming consignment shall keep the certificate for 12 months from the date of delivery of the consignment.

Preparation of a health certificate

6.—(1) In order to prepare a health certificate for the consignment of an animal or genetic material to another member State, the person intending to despatch the consignment shall apply to the Department or a person authorised by the Department for a uniquely numbered certificate.

(2) The certificate shall then be completed by a person authorised to do so by the Department, in accordance with the instructions sent by the Department with the certificate.

(3) The person completing the certificate shall ensure that the conditions specified in the certificate are fulfilled and that all necessary examinations have been carried out.

(4) If everything is in order the person shall sign the certificate.

(5) A person shall not sign a certificate unless authorised to do so by the Department.

(6) A person shall not sign a certificate knowing it to be false, or believing it not to be true.

Notification of movement of animals and genetic material between member States

7.—(1) No animal or genetic material shall be consigned to another member State unless the consignor or their representative has notified the competent authority of the member State of destination, at least 24 hours in advance of the intended arrival of the consignment and using the Traces system established under Commission Decision [2004/292/EC](#) (on the introduction of the Traces system⁽¹⁾).

(2) No animal, (other than registered horses accompanied by identification documentation provided for by Council Directive [90/427/EEC](#) (on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions

(1) O.J. No. L 94, 31.3.2004, p. 63 as last amended by Commission Decision [2005/515/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 29)

governing intra-Community trade in equidae) or genetic material shall be brought into Northern Ireland from another member State unless the person bringing in the consignment has notified the Department, at least 24 hours in advance of the intended arrival of the consignment.

Additional requirements in specific cases

8. Part I of Schedule 3 makes additional requirements for specific cases.