

SCHEDULE 3

Regulations 2 and 3(a)

SHEEP

PART I

Part I of this Schedule specifies permitted procedures which may be performed by a lay person in relation to sheep

Identification procedures

- 1.—(1) Ear notching;
- (2) Ear tagging;
- (3) Microchipping;
- (4) Tattooing;
- (5) Other methods of identification involving a prohibited procedure required by law and not restricted to being undertaken by a veterinary surgeon.

Commencement Information

I1 Sch. 3 para. 1 in operation at 2.4.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Procedures for the control of reproduction

- 2.—(1) Artificial insemination;
- (2) Castration;
- (3) Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive;
- (4) Implantation of a subcutaneous hormone.

Commencement Information

I2 Sch. 3 para. 2 in operation at 2.4.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Other management procedures

- 3.—^{F1}(....)
- [^{F2}(1)] Tail docking.

F1 Sch. 3 para. 3(1) omitted (1.1.2013) by virtue of *The Welfare of Animals (Docking of Working Dogs' Tails and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012/387)*, regs. 1, **6(2)**

F2 Sch. 3 para. 3(2) renumbered as Sch.3 para. 3(1) (1.1.2013) by *The Welfare of Animals (Docking of Working Dogs' Tails and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012/387)*, regs. 1, **6(2)**

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. 3 para. 3 in operation at 2.4.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

PART II

Part II specifies any additional conditions for a procedure

Castration

4.—(1) When the method used is the application of a rubber ring or other device to constrict the flow of blood to the scrotum, the procedure shall only be carried out on an animal aged not more than 7 days.

(2) When any other method is used it shall only be used up to the age of 3 months.

Commencement Information

I4 Sch. 3 para. 4 in operation at 2.4.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive

5.—(1) The procedure may not be carried out on a farmed animal.

(2) The procedure shall only be carried out as part of a conservation breeding programme.

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. 3 para. 5 in operation at 2.4.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Implantation of a subcutaneous hormone

6. This would apply to subcutaneous hormone (or other pharmaceutical product) for modulating seasonal reproductive activity in adult females.

Commencement Information

I6 Sch. 3 para. 6 in operation at 2.4.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Tail docking

7.—(1) In all cases, enough of the tail shall be retained to cover the vulva of a female animal or the anus of a male animal.

(2) When the method used is the application of a rubber ring or other device to constrict the flow of blood to the tail, the procedure shall only be carried out on an animal aged not more than 7 days, or by any other means such as a hot docking iron, before the age of three months.

Commencement Information

I7 Sch. 3 para. 7 in operation at 2.4.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare of Animals (Permitted Procedures by Lay Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, SCHEDULE 3.