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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 416**

**Cattle Identification (Miscellaneous Amendments)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**Amendment to the Cattle Identification (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

2.—(1) The Cattle Identification (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998<sup>(1)</sup> are amended in accordance with this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2 (Interpretation), in paragraph (1), in the definition of “the Commission Regulation”, for “2629/97”, substitute “911/2004<sup>(2)</sup>”.

(3) In regulation 4 (Form of eartags)—

- (a) omit paragraph (1); and
- (b) renumber paragraphs (2) and (3) as numbers (1) and (2) accordingly.

(4) In regulation 9 (Imports from third countries), after paragraph (2), insert—

“(3) The person responsible for attaching eartags to the animal in accordance with paragraph (1) shall notify the Department of the original eartag and the new eartag numbers of an animal imported from a country outside the European Union within 15 days from the date that the animal must be tagged.”.

(5) In regulation 12 (Slaughterhouses)—

(a) for paragraph (3), substitute—

“(3) The operator of a slaughterhouse shall destroy, in a secure manner which prevents reuse, all eartags on the animals or carcasses entering their premises.”.

(b) after paragraph (3), insert—

“(3A) Paragraph (3) shall not apply when the Department requests the operator of the slaughterhouse to remove the eartags from each animal or carcass at the slaughterhouse and keep the eartags in a secure place and surrender them to the Department on request.”.

(c) for paragraph (5), substitute—

“(5) The Department may authorise in writing the operator of an establishment or plant that is registered or approved under the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011<sup>(3)</sup> to remove any eartag from any carcass in their possession, and upon being so authorised that person shall—

- (a) destroy, in a secure manner which prevents reuse, all tags on animals or carcasses entering their premises; or
- (b) when requested by the Department, remove the eartags from any such carcass, keep them in a secure place and surrender them to the Department on request.”.

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.R. 1998 No. 279; as amended by S.R. 2004 No. 420

<sup>(2)</sup> O.J. L 163, 30.04.2004, p. 65-70

<sup>(3)</sup> S.R. 2011 No. 124

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