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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 761**

**The Equine Identification (England) Regulations 2018**

**PART 3**

**Wild and semi-wild equines**

**Exceptions in respect of certain wild or semi-wild equines**

**17.**—(1) The derogation in Article 13 applies in relation to equines that are—

- (a) identified in the lists kept by the Dartmoor Commoners' Council<sup>(1)</sup>;
- (b) entered in the stud book kept by the Exmoor Pony Society<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (c) identified in the lists kept by the Verderers of the New Forest<sup>(3)</sup> or entered in the stud book kept by the New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society<sup>(4)</sup>; or
- (d) identified in the lists kept by the National Trust<sup>(5)</sup> as Konik equines located at Wicken Fen<sup>(6)</sup>.

(2) For the purposes of Article 13, Dartmoor, Exmoor the New Forest and Wicken Fen are designated as areas (“designated areas”) containing defined populations of equines living under wild or semi-wild conditions that do not need to be identified with IDs while they remain within the designated area.

(3) Upon request from the Secretary of State, a body which keeps a list or a stud book described in paragraph (1) must, within 14 days of the date of the request, provide to the Secretary of State a copy of that list or stud book.

(4) For the purposes of this Part, a designated area is an area marked as such in a map deposited and available for inspection at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs<sup>(7)</sup>.

**Holding wild or semi-wild equines**

**18.** The responsible person may hold or pen a wild or semi-wild equine on an area (“holding area”) dedicated for that purpose, within a designated area, whilst awaiting the issue of an ID for the equine if the application for the ID has been submitted within 24 hours of the equine’s entry onto the holding area.

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- (1) The Dartmoor Commoners' Council, 1 Canal Road, Tavistock, Devon PL19 8AR (tel: 01822 618892; email: [office@dartmoorcommoners.org.uk](mailto:office@dartmoorcommoners.org.uk)).
  - (2) The Exmoor Pony Society, Woodmans, Brithem Bottom, Cullompton, Devon EX15 1NB (tel: 01884 839930; email: [secretary@exmoorponysociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@exmoorponysociety.org.uk)).
  - (3) The Verderers of the New Forest, The Queen’s House, Lyndhurst, Hampshire SO43 7NH (tel: 023 8028 2052; email: [enquiries@verderers.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@verderers.org.uk)).
  - (4) The New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society, Deepslade House, Ringwood Road, Bransgore, Hampshire BH23 8AA (tel: 01425 672775; email: [info@newforestpony.com](mailto:info@newforestpony.com)).
  - (5) The National Trust, PO Box 574, Manvers, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S63 3FH (tel: 0344 800 1895; email: [enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk)).
  - (6) A copy of the lists and stud books of wild or semi-wild equines referred to in this paragraph can be inspected by contacting the Equine ID Team, Animal Public Health and Traceability Division, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR (tel: 0208 026 2729).
  - (7) See footnote immediately above for relevant contact details.

**Requirement for ID and transponder for wild or semi-wild equines treated with veterinary medicinal products**

19. If a wild or semi-wild equine without an ID in a designated area is treated with any veterinary medicinal product, the responsible person must ensure that the equine has an ID and is implanted with a transponder—

- (a) in accordance with the EU Regulation; and
- (b) within 30 days of the treatment.

**Wild and semi-wild equines: requirement for ID for movement from designated area**

20. Subject to regulation 21, the responsible person may not move a wild or semi-wild equine without an ID out of a designated area.

**Exception to requirement for ID: wild or semi-wild equines aged under 12 months moved for slaughter**

21.—(1) The responsible person may move a wild or semi-wild equine out of a designated area without an ID if—

- (a) the equine is being moved out of the designated area temporarily and for welfare reasons; or
- (b) the equine—
  - (i) is aged under 12 months;
  - (ii) is being moved directly from the designated area in which it was born to a place for slaughter (whether or not for the purpose of human consumption);
  - (iii) has not previously been treated with any veterinary medicinal product; and
  - (iv) has a sticker issued by an issuing body attached to it before it leaves the designated area, and the sticker must be marked with a unique identification number and the date on which it was attached to the equine.

(2) The responsible person must ensure that an equine falling within paragraph (1)(b) is slaughtered within 7 days of the date shown on the sticker.

**Requirements for wild or semi-wild equines aged 12 months or over moved for slaughter**

22.—(1) This regulation applies to a wild or semi-wild equine that is—

- (a) aged 12 months or over; and
- (b) being moved from a designated area to a place for slaughter (whether or not for the purpose of human consumption).

(2) The responsible person must ensure that the equine has (in addition to an ID) a sticker issued by an issuing body attached to it before it leaves the designated area, and the sticker must be marked with a unique identification number and the date on which it was attached to the equine.

(3) The responsible person must ensure that an equine falling within paragraph (1) is slaughtered within 7 days of the date shown on the sticker.

**Requirements for wild or semi-wild equines moved other than for slaughter**

23.—(1) This regulation applies to a wild or semi-wild equine that is—

- (a) of any age; and

- (b) being moved from a designated area to another place (the “holding destination”) for a purpose other than for slaughter.
- (2) The responsible person must ensure that the equine has (in addition to an ID) a sticker issued by an issuing body attached to it before it leaves the designated area, and the sticker must be marked with a unique identification number and the date on which it was attached to the equine.
- (3) The responsible person must ensure that an equine falling within paragraph (1) reaches its holding destination within 7 days of the date shown on the sticker.
- (4) The responsible person must ensure that a transponder is inserted into the equine before the expiry of the period of 30 days beginning with the day on which the equine arrives at the holding destination.
- (5) Unless temporarily or for welfare reasons, the responsible person must ensure that the equine is not moved out of the holding destination until the transponder has been inserted.