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**The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification
and Movement) (Wales) Order 2015**

PART 3

Identification of animals

Identification of animals on or after 1 January 2016

9.—(1) This article applies to—

- (a) animals born before 1 January 2016 that are not identified before that date and are on their holding of birth;
- (b) sheep born on or after 1 January 2016; and
- (c) goats born on or after 1 January 2016 whose keepers choose to identify them electronically.

(2) A keeper must comply with Article 4(1) (first paragraph), Article 4(2)(a) and (b) and Article 9(3) of the Council Regulation and this article unless the alternative identification method set out in article 10 is authorised.

(3) For the purpose of Article 4(1) of the Council Regulation, the time limits for identifying an animal are—

- (a) 9 months from the date of birth, in the case of an animal kept in extensive or free range farming conditions; or
- (b) 6 months from the date of birth, in the case of any other animal.

(4) No animal may be identified by the use of a bolus in combination with a tattoo.

(5) The identification code on a means of identification for the purposes of Section A.2 of the Annex to the Council Regulation must be—

- (a) the letters “UK” or, on an electronic identification device, the numbers “826”; and
- (b) a 12 digit number specified by the Welsh Ministers;

and must be identical on the first and second means of identification.