
DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No.

The Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (Certification and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

Identification of docked dogs

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 6(10)(b) of the Act a dog must be identified in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The dog must be microchipped by a competent person working in the same practice within which paragraph 2 of a certificate in the form prescribed in the Schedule was completed in respect of that dog.

(3) The dog may only be microchipped after the owner, or a person whom the competent person who is to carry out the microchipping reasonably believes to be representing the owner, has made a signed and dated statement in paragraph 3 of a certificate in the form prescribed in the Schedule.

(4) The competent person who carries out the microchipping must certify that fact in paragraph 4 of a certificate in the form prescribed in the Schedule.

(5) Where a veterinary practice ceases to operate after the docking of a dog's tail, the owner of the dog may take the dog to a different veterinary practice to have the microchipping procedure carried out and a competent person at that veterinary practice must record the reason in paragraph 4 of the certificate in the form prescribed in the Schedule.

(6) For the purpose of this Regulation-

- (a) "competent person" means a veterinary surgeon or person who has received instruction on how to implant a microchip.
- (b) "microchipped" means implanted with a valid microchip in accordance with regulation 9 of the Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012(1).