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**The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification
and Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009**

PART I

Introduction

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“animal” means any animal of the ovine or caprine species;

“assembly centre” means an assembly centre as defined in regulation 2(1) of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006⁽¹⁾ and approved by the Department in accordance with regulation 12(2) of those Regulations;

“central point of recording” means a holding approved by the Department under Section C.2 of the Annex to the Council Regulation for recording the identities of animals arriving at that holding;

“centralised computer database” means the database operated by the Department for the purposes of Article 8 of the Council Regulation;

“collection centre” means any premises used by a dealer for the intermediate reception of animals intended to be moved for slaughter (but does not include a market);

“Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 of 17 December 2003 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Directives 92/102/EEC and 64/432/EEC⁽²⁾ as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 759/2009⁽³⁾;

“Divisional Veterinary Office” in relation to any holding means the Divisional Veterinary Office or DARD Direct Office of the Department for the area in which a holding is located;

“flock number” means the number allocated to a flock of sheep under Article 3(3);

“herd number” means the number allocated to a herd of goats under Article 3(3);

“holding” has the meaning given in Article 2 of the Council Regulation;

“holding number” means a number allocated by the Department under Article 3(3) to any holding on which any animals are kept;

“holding register” means the register required by Article 5 of the Council Regulation;

“identification code” means the code set out on a means of identification as required under this Order;

(1) S.R. 2006 No.401 as amended by S.R. 2007 No.327, S.R. 2008 No.53 and S.R. 2009 No.86

(2) O.J. No. L 5, 09.01.2004, p.8

(3) O.J. No. L215, 20.08.2009, p.3

“identification device” means an eartag, electronic eartag, pastern tag, electronic pastern tag or bolus;

“identification mark” means a method of identification applied in another member State, a means of identification or an older means of identification;

“incineration plant” means an incineration plant to which regulation 14 of the Animal By-Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(4) applies;

“keeper” has the meaning given in Article 2 of the Council Regulation;

“market” means a market place, sale yard or any other premises or place to which animals are brought from any other place to be exposed for sale and includes any place, lairage or parking area adjoining a market and used in connection with it;

“market operator” means the person responsible for managing the reception or the sale of animals in a market or a duly authorised representative of such a person;

“means of identification” means an identification device or a tattoo;

“member State” means any member State of the European Union other than the United Kingdom and does not include the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands;

“method of identification” means an eartag, electronic eartag, pastern tag, electronic pastern tag, bolus or tattoo applied in another member State or third country;

“movement document” means the movement document required by Article 6 of the Council Regulation and in a format approved by the Department;

“previous Orders” means—

- (a) the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 1997(5);
- (b) the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998(6); and
- (c) the Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 2004(7);

“reconciliation period” means the period between 1st December and 5th December in a calendar year;

“processing plant” means a processing plant to which regulation 14 of the Animal By-Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 applies;

“unique number” means a number that is unique to an animal in a flock or herd and contains no more than 5 digits.

(2) Other expressions defined in the Council Regulation have the same meaning in this Order.

(4) S.R. 2003 No.495 as amended by S.R. 2006 No.202

(5) S.R. 1997 No.173 as amended by S.R.1998 No.393 and revoked by S.R. 2004 No.491

(6) S.R. 1998 No.393 revoked by S.R.2004 No.491

(7) S.R. 2004 No.491