

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

These Regulations enforce [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/262](#) in Northern Ireland. They provide for identification of horses, and replace the Horse Passport Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010.

Part 2 of the regulation contains provisions which set out various administrative and procedural requirements.

Part 3 of the Regulations sets out offences for breach of the requirements of these Regulations and the Commission Implementing Regulation and contains provisions about enforcement and penalties. It provides that the Regulations are enforced by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, and gives powers to inspectors authorised by that authority.

Breach of the Regulations is an offence punishable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Equine Identification Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019.