

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 67

The Equine Identification Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019

PART 2

Administrative and procedural provisions and requirements

Competent Authority for the [^{F1}Commission Delegated Regulation]

3. The Department is the competent authority for the purposes of the [^{F1}Commission Delegated Regulation] .

F1 Words in [reg. 3](#) and heading substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(3)(c)**

Commencement Information

I1 Reg. 3 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Identification of horses

4. A person must not keep a horse unless it is identified in accordance with the [^{F2}Commission Delegated Regulation] and these Regulations.

F2 Words in [reg. 4](#) substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(3)(d)**

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 4 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Transfer of ownership of horses

5.—(1) A person who transfers the ownership of a horse to another person (the “transferee”) must give its passport to the transferee at the time of the transfer.

(2) Before the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the day on which the transfer took effect, the transferee must —

- (a) notify the issuing body of —
 - (i) the transfer of ownership; and
 - (ii) the transferee’s name, address and contact details; and
- (b) send the passport for the horse concerned to the issuing body.

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 5 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Application for passports

6.—(1) In accordance with [^{F3}Article 58(3)] it is the responsibility of the owner of a horse located in a holding in Northern Ireland to ensure that an application for a passport is submitted to an issuing body on or before the date set out in paragraph (2).

(2) The date is the last day of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the horse was born.

F3 Words in [reg. 6](#) substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(4)**

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 6 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Provision of information to an issuing body

7. The keeper must provide to the issuing body all information necessary to allow the body to complete an existing passport for the purposes [^{F4}of Title IV of Part III of the Commission Delegated Regulation] .

F4 Words in [reg. 7](#) substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(5)**

Commencement Information

I5 Reg. 7 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Transponders

8.—(1) The minimum qualification for the purposes of Article 18(3) (implantation of a transponder) is membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

(2) ^{F5}... The owner of a horse or, if different, the keeper who has primary responsibility for it, must arrange for a veterinary surgeon to implant a transponder into a horse that is deemed to be identified ^{F6}... if a previously implanted and recorded transponder ceases to function.

(3) A veterinary surgeon who implants a transponder into a horse must ensure that it displays a code unique to that transponder.

F5 Words in [reg. 8\(2\)](#) omitted (31.8.2022) by virtue of [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(6)(a)**

F6 Words in [reg. 8\(2\)](#) omitted (31.8.2022) by virtue of [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(6)(b)**

Commencement Information

I6 Reg. 8 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Detecting previous active markings of horses

9. A veterinary surgeon who is implanting a transponder into a horse must carry out [F7 sufficient measures] (measures to detect previous identification of equidae).

F7 Words in [reg. 9](#) substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(7)**

Commencement Information

I7 Reg. 9 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Accompanying documentation

10. The owner of a horse or, if different, the keeper who has primary responsibility for it must comply with [F8 Article 66(1)] to ensure that a horse's passport accompanies the horse at all times except —

- (a) when not required in accordance with [F9 Article 66(2)] ; or
- (b) when the horse is accompanied by a smart card ^{F10} ...; or
- (c) when the horse is accompanied by a temporary document ^{F11}

F8 Words in [reg. 10](#) substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(8)(a)**

F9 Words in [reg. 10\(a\)](#) substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(8)(b)**

F10 Words in [reg. 10\(b\)](#) omitted (31.8.2022) by virtue of [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(8)(c)**

F11 Words in [reg. 10\(c\)](#) omitted (31.8.2022) by virtue of [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(8)(d)**

Commencement Information

I8 Reg. 10 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Modification of identity details in passports

11. If the owner believes that any identity details contained in the horse's passport require modification or updating, ^{F12}... the owner must ask the issuing body to modify or update the passport.

F12 Words in [reg. 11](#) omitted (31.8.2022) by virtue of [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(9)**

Commencement Information

I9 Reg. 11 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Slaughter or death of a horse

12. On the slaughter or death of a horse an official veterinarian or a person acting under the supervision of an official veterinarian, ^{F13}... must return an invalidated passport to the issuing body as soon as is reasonably practicable.

F13 Words in [reg. 12](#) omitted (31.8.2022) by virtue of [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(10)**

Commencement Information

I10 Reg. 12 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Databases

13.—^{F14}(1) An issuing body must incorporate the information falling within Article 109(1) (d) (i) to (iii) of Regulation EU 2016/429 in to the database established under that Article.]

(2) The Department may issue guidance to issuing bodies about the central database and how to enter information into it.

(3) The Department may share any data or information held or stored in, or which is to be held or stored in, the central database with the Secretary of State in England, the Scottish Ministers, or the Welsh Ministers.

^{F15}(4)

F14 [Reg. 13\(1\)](#) substituted (31.8.2022) by [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(11)(a)**

F15 [Reg. 13\(4\)](#) omitted (31.8.2022) by virtue of [The Equine Identification \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/200\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(11)(b)**

Commencement Information

I11 Reg. 13 in operation at 29.3.2019, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Equine Identification Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019, PART 2.