
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 67

The Equine Identification Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019

PART 3

Enforcement

Powers of entry

15.—(1) An authorised officer may, on producing a duly authenticated authorisation document, at all reasonable hours, enter any premises (excluding premises not containing any horse and used only as a dwelling) for the purpose of administering and enforcing these Regulations; and in this regulation premises includes any vehicle or container.

(2) An authorised officer may—

- (a) require the production of a passport and mark it is necessary;
- (b) carry out any inquiries;
- (c) have access to, and inspect and copy any records (in whatever format they are held) relevant to these Regulations;
- (d) remove such records to enable them to be copied;
- (e) have access to, inspect and check the operation of any computer and any associated apparatus or material that is or has been in use in connection with the records, and for this purpose may require any person having charge of, or otherwise concerned with the operation of the computer, apparatus or material to afford the authorised officer such assistance as may reasonably be required and, where records are kept by means of computer, may require the records to be produced in a form in which they may be taken away;
- (f) where an authorised officer has entered any premises and it is not reasonably practicable to determine whether documents on those premises are relevant to these Regulations, the authorised officer may seize them to ascertain whether or not they are relevant;
- (g) mark any horse or any other thing for identification purposes; and
- (h) be accompanied by such persons as the authorised officer considers necessary.

(3) It is an offence to deface, obliterate or remove any mark applied under paragraph (2) except under written authority of an authorised officer.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 15 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, Section 15.