

Identification and registration of animals and registration of their movements

European Community legislation

Main elements

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Regulation of EP and Council (EC) No 1760/2000

Establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals

- Approved eartag
 - born or imp. from 3rd country except for slaughter within 20 days
 - each ear – same individual identification code – period < 20 days after birth
 - eartags retained from other MS
 - removal/replacement – permission from comp.auth.
- Computerised database – fully operational 31/12/1999
- Cattle passport –
 - < 14 days of notification of birth/re-identification (imp.)
 - all movements – national movements – Comm. recognition
 - return to comp.auth. - the last keeper – 7 days
- Holding register – each keeper except transporter
 - Up-to-date – births, deaths, movements to and from the holding – notification to comp.auth. - period 3-7 days
- Competent authority – MS shall designate

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 911/2004

Eartags, passports and holding registers

- Eartags - country code, 12 digits max.
- Passport - ID, date of birth, sex, breed/colour, ID of dam, ID of holding of birth, ID of successive holdings and date of change
- Holding register - up-to-date - ID, date of birth, sex, breed/colour, date of death on the holding, all movements (ID of previous/next holding, date), inspector's signature

Commission Regulation (EC) No.1082/2003

Minimum level of controls

- 10 % of holdings
 - eartags, holding register, passports
- selection based on risk analysis
 - number of animals/public and animal health considerations/amount of annual premium/significant changes and results of previous checks
- annual report to the Commission – 31 August

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 494/98

Application of min. adm. sanctions

- one or more animals - non-compliance:
 - restriction on movement of all animals on the holding
 - identification not proven - destruction
- animals - partial compliance:
 - restriction on movement of animals concerned
 - more than 20% => restriction on all animals
- non-payment of charges
 - passport, restrictions (may)
- non-reporting of movements, births and deaths
 - restriction on movements to and from (shall)

Computer database for bovine animals

Council Directive 64/432/EEC as revised in 1997

Fully operational by 31 December 1999

Information on:

For each animal:

ID (country code and identification number max. 12 figures), date of birth, sex, breed/colour, ID of dam or ID given ~ ID of origin in 3rd country, ID of holding of birth, ID of holdings passed and dates, date of death or slaughter

For each holding:

ID (country code and identification number max. 12 figures), name and address of holder

Extension of the maximum period for applying eartags

Commission Regulation (EC) No 509/1999 – bisons

Commission Decision 2004/764/EC – NL nature
reserves

Commission Decision 2006/28/EC - certain bovine
animals

- MS may extend
- Not effect the quality of information in the national database
- age/separation from mother/leaving the holding.

Special rules

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2680/1999 –
system of identification for bulls intended for
cultural and sporting events – ES/PT/FR

Commission Decision 2001/672/EC - summer
grazing in mountain areas - FR/IT/AT/PT/SI

Commission Regulation (EC) No 544/2005 -
identification system for bovine animals kept
for cultural and historical purposes

Recognition of the fully operational character of national databases for bovine animals

- Commission Decision 1999/317/EC – FI
- Commission Decision 1999/375/EC – LU
- Commission Decision 1999/376/EC – DK
- Commission Decision 1999/377/EC – BE
- Commission Decision 1999/546/EC – NL
- Commission Decision 1999/571/EC – AT
- Commission Decision 1999/693/EC – SE
- Commission Decision 1999/696/EC – NI
- Commission Decision 2001/399/EC – FR
- Commission Decision 2002/67/EC – DE
- Commission Decision 2004/588/EC – MT
- Commission Decision 2004/590/EC – CY
- Commission Decision 2006/132/EC – IT

Council Directive 92/102/EEC (I)

Identification and registration of animals – since 9 July 2005 only relevant to porcine animals

- **Up-to-date list of all holdings**
 - Species
 - Keepers
 - identification mark
- **Keeper's register on the holding**
 - up-to-date record of movements – number of animals, origin/destination, date

Council Directive 92/102/EEC (II)

- identification marks
 - as soon as possible - before leaving the holding of birth
 - eartag or tattoo - holding of origin
 - removal or replacement of marks - permission of the competent authority
 - new marks registered by keeper - link
 - national systems for movements - holding of origin and of birth
 - animals imported from 3rd countries – 30 days

Computer database for pigs

Council Directive 64/432/EEC as revised in 1997

Fully operational by 31 December 2002

Information on:

For each holding:

ID, name and address of holder

For each movement of groups of pigs:

Number of animals being moved

ID of holding of departure/Date of departure

ID of holding of arrival/Date of arrival

Commission Decision 2000/678/EC

Detailed rules for computer database for pigs

- Information on each holding
- mandatory
 - ID (country code and identification number max. 12 figures), address of the holding, name and address of the person responsible for the animals, the geographic co-ordinates or equivalent, data field for sanitary information
- Optional
 - type of production, name and address of the owner, name and address of the person responsible for sanitary measures, other information deemed necessary by the competent authority

Commission Decision 2006/80/EC

(repealing Commission Decisions 95/80/EC (PT) and 2005/458/EC(IT))

Granting certain MS the derogation provided for in Art. 3(2) of Council Directive 92/102/EEC

- Comp.auth. may exclude from the central list holdings with one single pig, which is intended for their own use or consumption
- The animal shall be subject to controls before any movement
- CZ, FR, IT, PL, PT and SK

Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 (I)

Identification and registration of sheep/goats

- All animals born after 9 July 2005:
 - unique individual identification - country code and individual code (max. 13 digits) at the latest by 6 months of age (possible derogation to 9 months)
- **Means of identification: one eartag +**
 - one eartag, or
 - an electronic identifier – technical characteristics, or
 - for national movements only:
 - » a tattoo,
 - » mark on the pastern (goats), or
 - » national systems (IE and UK).
- Animals intended for slaughter before the age of 12 months (in the Member State concerned)
 - Competent authority may authorise one eartag with country code and ID code of holding of birth.

Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 (II)

- **Holding register:**
- From 9 July 2005:
 - Information on the holding (ID code, address and geographical indication, type of production and latest inventory, name and address of keeper)
 - Movements
 - » From: ID code or address of holding of destination, data on transport and the date of departure
 - » To: ID code of the holding of dispatch and the date of arrival
 - Replacement of tags or electronic devices
- From “1 January 2008”:
 - information on the individual animals – ID code, year of birth and date of ID, month and year of death on the holding, breed and genotype if known.
- Name and signature of inspector

Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 (III)

- **Movement document:**
- From 9 July 2005:
 - ID code of holding of origin, name and address of keeper, and the number of animals moved, ID code of holding of destination and data on transport.
- From “1 January 2008”:
 - information on the individual animals – ID code.
- **Computerised database:**
 - data on holdings (ID, occupation of keeper, species, latest inventory),
 - an entry in the database for each movement – number of animals moved, ID code of holding of departure and arrival, date of departure and arrival - optional until 1 January 2008.

Recognition of national systems

Commission Decision 2005/597/EC – IE

Commission Decision 2005/617/EC – NI and GB (UK)
temporarily

- National system replacing the second means of identification
- Animals intended neither for intra-Community trade nor for export
- Comp. auth. shall carry out the appropriate on-the-spot checks each year to verify compliance by the keepers

Identification of equidae

Council Directives 90/426/EEC and 90/427/EEC

- Since 1 July 2000 all equidae must be accompanied by an identification document throughout any movement.
- Registered horses - passport
 - (Commission Decision 93/623/EEC)
- Equidae for breeding and production – identification document
 - (Commission Decision 2000/68/EEC)