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[^{F1}ANNEX

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 933/2008 of 23 September 2008 amending the Annex to Council Regulation \(EC\) No 21/2004 as regards the means of identification of animals and the content of the movement documents \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

A.MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

1. The competent authority shall approve means of identification, as provided for in Article 4(1), which must be designed to:
 - (a) ensure at least one visible and one electronically readable mark;
 - (b) remain attached to the animal without being harmful to it; and
 - (c) be easily removable from the food chain.
2. The means of identification must display a code providing the following information in the indicated order:
 - (a) either the two-letter alpha code or the three-digit numeric code⁽¹⁾, based on ISO 3166, for the Member State in which the holding where the animal was first identified is situated (country code);
 - (b) an individual animal code of no more than 12 digits.

In addition to the codes referred to in points (a) and (b), and provided that the legibility of those codes is not affected, the competent authority may authorise a bar code and the addition of supplementary information by the keeper.

3. The first means of identification referred to in Article 4(2)(a) must comply with the criteria set out in either point (a) or (b):
 - (a) an electronic identifier in the form of a ruminal bolus or an electronic eartag, in accordance with the technical characteristics listed in point 6; or
 - (b) an eartag made of non-degradable material, which is tamper-proof and easy to read throughout the lifetime of the animal; it must be non-reusable and the codes referred to in point 2 must be non-removable.
4. The second means of identification, as provided for in Article 4(2)(b), must comply with the following criteria:
 - (a) for animals identified in accordance with point 3(a):
 - (i) an eartag which complies with the criteria set out in point 3(b); or
 - (ii) a mark on the pastern which complies with the criteria for eartags set out in point 3(b); or
 - (iii) a tattoo, except for animals involved in intra-Community trade;
 - (b) for animals identified in accordance with point 3(b):
 - (i) an electronic identifier which complies with the criteria set out in point 3(a);
or

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- (ii) for animals not involved in intra-Community trade, an electronic identifier in the form of an electronic mark on the pastern or of an injectable transponder in accordance with the technical characteristics listed in point 6; or
 - (iii) where electronic identification is not obligatory, pursuant to Article 9(3):
 - an eartag, which complies with the criteria set out in point 3(b),
 - a mark on the pastern, which complies with the criteria for the eartags set out in point 3(b), or
 - a tattoo.
5. The system referred to in Article 4(2)(c) requires the identification of the animals both by holding and individually, provides for a replacement procedure where a means of identification has become illegible or has been lost, under the control of the competent authority and without compromising traceability between holdings, the objective being to control epizootic diseases, and allows the animals' movements to be traced within the national territory, with the same objective.
6. The electronic identifiers must conform to the following technical characteristics:
- (a) they must be read-only passive transponders applying HDX or FDX-B technology, complying with ISO standards 11784 and 11785;
 - (b) they must be readable by reading devices, complying with ISO standard 11785, capable of reading HDX and FDX-B transponders;
 - (c) the reading distance must be:
 - (i) a minimum of 12 cm for eartags and marks on the pastern when read with a portable readers;
 - (ii) a minimum of 20 cm for ruminal boluses and injectable transponders when read with a portable reader;
 - (iii) a minimum of 50 cm for all types of identifiers when read with a stationary reader.
7. The identification method referred to in Article 4(3), shall be as follows:
- (a) the animals must be identified by an eartag approved by the competent authority, applied to one ear;
 - (b) the eartag must be of non-degradable material, tamper-proof and easy to read; it must be non-reusable and must bear only non-removable codes;
 - (c) the eartag must contain at least the following information:
 - (i) the two-letter country code⁽¹⁾; and
 - (ii) the identification code of the holding of birth or an individual animal code from which the holding of birth can be determined.

Member States using that alternative method must inform the Commission and the other Member States thereof, in the framework of the Committee referred to in Article 13(1).

^[F2]Animals identified in accordance with this point intended to be kept beyond the age of 12 months or intended for intra-Community trade or export to third countries, must be identified

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in accordance with points 1 to 4 to ensure complete traceability of each animal to the holding of birth.]]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 759/2009 of 19 August 2009 amending the Annex to Council Regulation \(EC\) No 21/2004 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

[^{F3}8. By way of derogation, to the identification requirement provided for in Article 4(1), the competent authority may decide that the provisions of Section A shall not apply to ovine and caprine animals kept in and moved between zoos approved in accordance with Article 13(2) of Council Directive 92/65/EEC⁽²⁾, provided that the animals are individually identified and traceable.]]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 506/2010 of 14 June 2010 amending the Annex to Council Regulation \(EC\) No 21/2004 as regards ovine and caprine animals kept in zoos \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

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(2) [^{F1}[^{F3}OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 933/2008 of 23 September 2008 amending the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 as regards the means of identification of animals and the content of the movement documents (Text with EEA relevance).
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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulation partial repeal by [EUR 2019/2035](#) Regulation (This amendment by the EU not applied to legislation.gov.uk because it is brought into force after IP completion day.)
- Regulation repeal by [EUR 2016/429](#) Regulation (This amendment by the EU not applied to legislation.gov.uk because it is brought into force after IP completion day.)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Annex Pt. A words substituted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(15\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex Pt. A para. 2(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(15\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex Pt. A para. 7(c) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(15\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Annex Pt. D para. 1(f) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(15\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex Pt. D para. 1(g) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(15\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex Pt. C para. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(15\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 1(3) inserted by [2020 c. 21 s. 34\(4\)](#)
- Art. 2(d) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(3\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 2(e)(f) substituted for Art. 2(e) by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 2(e)(iv) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/814, reg. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1388 reg. 33\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 2(g) inserted by [S.I. 2019/588 reg. 5\(2\)](#)
- Art. 2(z5) inserted by [S.I. 2019/588 reg. 6\(2\)](#)
- Art. 2a inserted by [S.I. 2019/588 reg. 5\(3\)](#)
- Art. 2a(1)(d) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/588, reg. 5\(3\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1463 reg. 6\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2a(2)(c) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/588, reg. 5\(3\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1463 reg. 6\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 4(2)(d) omitted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 8(2)(b) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(9\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 8(2)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/814 reg. 10\(9\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 12a inserted by [S.I. 2019/588 reg. 5\(8\)](#)
- Art. 12a(3) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/588, reg. 5\(8\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1463 reg. 6\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 12a(5) words substituted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/588, reg. 5\(8\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1463 reg. 6\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 12a(7) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/588, reg. 5\(8\)](#) by [S.I. 2020/1463 reg. 6\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)