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**The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification
and Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009**

PART III

Identification of animals not identified before 31 December 2009

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9.—(1) This article applies to—

- (a) sheep born before 31st December 2009 which are not identified before that date and are on the holding of birth;
- (b) sheep born on or after 31st December 2009;
- (c) goats born before 31st December 2009 which are not identified before that date are on the holding of birth and whose keepers chose to identify them electronically; and
- (d) goats born on or after 31st December 2009 whose keepers chose to identify them electronically.

(2) A keeper must comply with Article 4(1) (first paragraph), Article 4(2)(a) and (b) and Article 9(3) of the Council Regulation and this Article.

(3) The keeper shall use the following means of identification referred to in the Annex to the Council Regulation, but is to say—

- (a) an electronic eartag and an eartag; or
- (b) an electronic eartag and a pastern tag; or
- (c) a bolus and an eartag; or
- (d) a bolus and a pastern tag; or
- (e) electronic pastern tag and an eartag.

(4) For the purpose of Article 4(1) of the Council Regulation, the time limits for identifying an animal are—

- (a) 9 months from the date of birth, in the case of an animal kept in extensive or free range farming conditions; or
- (b) 6 months from the date of birth, in the case of any other animal.

(5) The identification code on a means of identification for the purposes of Section A.2 of the Annex to the Council Regulation must be—

- (a) the letters “UK” or, the numbers “826”; and
- (b) a 12 digit number prescribed by the Department;

and must be identical on the first and second means of identification.