
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 411

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

PART IX

Animals brought into Northern Ireland

Receipt of animals from another member State

27.—(1) A person shall not receive an animal from another member State unless it is identified in accordance with—

- (a) the Council Regulation, in the case of an animal born on or after 9th July 2005; or
- (b) Council Directive [92/102/EEC](#) on the identification and registration of animals (1) in the case of an animal born on or before 8th July 2005.

(2) It is an offence to remove the original method of identification of an animal originating in another member State in contravention of Article 4(5) of the Council Regulation.

Receipt of animals from England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man

28. A person shall not receive an animal from England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man unless it is identified and accompanied by a movement document in accordance with—

- (a) legislation corresponding to the previous Orders and any additional requirements imposed in legislation enforcing the Council Regulation in relation to those animals; or
- (b) Article 9(3) in the case of an animal born after 31st December 2009.

Identification of animals imported from third countries

29.—(1) A person shall not contravene Article 4(4) of the Council Regulation and this Article.

(2) For the purposes of Article 4(4) (first paragraph) of the Council Regulation, the period for identifying an animal is 14 days.

(3) The means of identification for animals imported from a third country must be the same as that set out in Article 4(2)(a) and (b) and Article 9(3) of the Council Regulation and the identification code for the purposes of Section A.2 of the Annex is—

- (a) the letters “UK”;
- (b) a 12 digit number in accordance with a numbering scheme prescribed by the Department.

(4) Where an animal is imported from a third country and re-identified according to this Article, the keeper must record information about the addition of the new means of identification in the

holding register together with the full identification code on the new means of identification and the full code on the method of identification applied in the third country.

Loss of methods of identification applied in a third country

30. Where an animal is imported from a third country and re-identified in accordance with Article 4(4) of the Council Regulation, the keeper is not required to replace a method of identification applied in the third country if it subsequently becomes lost or illegible.