
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Pigs (Records, Identification and
Movement) (Scotland) Order 2011**

Eartags and tattoos

6.—(1) An eartag must be—

- (a) legible during the pig's lifetime;
- (b) made of either metal or plastic or a combination of metal and plastic;
- (c) tamper-resistant;
- (d) incapable of re-use;
- (e) sufficiently heat-resistant that neither the eartag nor the information printed or stamped on it can be damaged by the processing of the carcase following slaughter; and
- (f) designed to remain attached to the pig without harming it.

(2) A tattoo must be applied either by tattoo forceps, in which case it must be on an ear, or by slap-marking equipment, in which case it must be on a shoulder.

(3) As an alternative to applying a tattoo by the methods referred to in paragraph (2), a keeper may apply a tattoo to a shoulder by means of equipment which uses compressed air to drive the tattooing pins into the skin of the pig.

(4) A keeper may mark a pig with any further information, or add further information to the eartag or tattoo provided that the further information is clearly distinguished from the information required under this Order.