
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply to Wales, implement the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 in relation to older cattle.

They require cattle born before 1st July 1996 (which is when the first cattle passports were issued) which are not already registered with the National Assembly for Wales on a voluntary basis to be registered before 29th January 2001 (regulation 5).

They require the keepers of cattle to notify the National Assembly of the location of cattle not previously registered with the National Assembly (regulation 6).

They provide for the issue of movement cards to cattle born before 28th September 1998 (which is when the passports with movement cards were first issued) and require notification to the National Assembly when these animals are moved. They also provide for the use of electronic notification of movement as an alternative to notification using movement cards, and for a register of approved users of electronic notification (regulations 7 and 8).

They make provision for the notification of the death of cattle born before 1st July 1996 (regulation 9).

They make provision for powers of inspectors (regulation 10) and provide for an officer of the National Assembly to impose movement restrictions for cattle to which the Regulations relate (regulation 11).

They make it an offence to obstruct inspectors (regulations 12 and 14(1)). Failure to comply with other obligations created by the Regulations is an offence punishable as specified in regulation 14(2). Specific provision is made in regulation 13 for offences committed by corporate bodies.

They are enforced by the National Assembly or local authorities (regulation 15).

The database and the register of approved users of electronic mail are maintained on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales by—

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