
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 414

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

PART 6

Identification devices

Approval of identification devices

30. Any means of identification used to comply with this Order must be of a type approved by the Scottish Ministers.

Commencement Information

I1 [Art. 30](#) in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Supplementary information

31.—(1) In accordance with the second paragraph of Section A.2 of the Annex, at the request of a keeper, a manufacturer of approved means of identification may add supplementary information if the supplementary information is distinct from the identification code and the identification code remains legible at all times.

(2) A keeper may apply an additional tag to an animal but it must not contain the letters “UK” or a flockmark or herdmark issued by the Scottish Ministers.

Commencement Information

I2 [Art. 31](#) in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Removal of metal eartags

32. No person may remove a metal eartag from the ear of an animal unless it is necessary to do so for the welfare of that animal.

Commencement Information

I3 [Art. 32](#) in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Colour of identification devices

33.—(1) No person may attach a red identification device to any animal, other than a replacement identification device.

(2) Where a keeper re-identifies an animal and that animal is not on its holding of birth, or the keeper does not know the holding of birth, the keeper must use a red replacement identification device but the requirement to use a red identification device does not apply to the use of boluses.

(3) Where an animal is identified by means of a bolus and a second identification device that second device must be black and a black identification device may only be used in combination with a bolus.

(4) The characters on all identification devices must be a different colour to the background of the device and must be clearly legible.

Commencement Information

I4 [Art. 33](#) in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Destruction of identification devices

34.—(1) The operator of a slaughterhouse, or any person who finally disposes of an identified animal carcase, must destroy, in a secure manner which prevents reuse, all identification devices on animals slaughtered or otherwise disposed of.

(2) Secure destruction includes the rendering of any identification device.

Commencement Information

I5 [Art. 34](#) in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Emergency veterinary treatment

35. Any provision in this Order requiring the application of a means of identification to an animal before it is moved from a holding does not apply if the movement is for the purpose of emergency veterinary treatment.

Commencement Information

I6 [Art. 35](#) in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Protection from suffering

36. Any provision in this Order requiring the application of a means of identification to an animal does not apply where applying the means of identification would cause unnecessary suffering to the animal.

Commencement Information

I7 [Art. 36](#) in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Alteration of means of identification

37. No person may alter, obliterate or deface the information on any means of identification applied to an animal under—

(a) the Council Regulation;

- (b) this Order or any provision giving effect to the Council Regulation in England, Wales, or Northern Ireland ^{F1} ...;
- (c) any of the previous United Kingdom Orders or Regulations; or
- [^{F2}(ca) “Council Regulation (EC) No. 21/2004 of 17th December 2003 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 and Directives 92/102/EEC and 64/432/EEC as it has effect in EU law in a member State];
- (d) [^{F3}Council Directive 92/102/EEC, in the case of an animal marked in a member State in accordance with that Directive].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in art. 37(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of *The Animal Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019* (S.S.I. 2019/71), regs. 1(1)(b), **25(5)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Art. 37(ca) inserted (31.12.2020) by *The Animal Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019* (S.S.I. 2019/71), regs. 1(1)(b), **25(5)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Art. 37(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Animal Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019* (S.S.I. 2019/71), regs. 1(1)(b), **25(5)(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Commencement Information

- I8** Art. 37 in force at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (Scotland) Order 2009, PART 6.