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**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 911/2004**

**of 29 April 2004**

**implementing Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards eartags, passports and holding registers**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

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## CHAPTER I

## EAR TAGS

*Article 1*

1. Ear tags shall contain the name, the code or the logo of the competent authority which allocated the ear tags, and the characters provided for in paragraph 2.

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2. The characters forming the identification code on the ear tags shall be as laid down in Article 2 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/949 <sup>(1)</sup>.

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3. In addition to the information provided for in paragraph 1, a bar code may be authorised by the competent authority.

4. By derogation to the limitation of the number of characters laid down in paragraph 2(b) the competent authority of Italy may use a maximum of three supplementary characters after the sequence of characters provided for in that paragraph. However, those characters shall not form part of the identification code in paragraph 2.

5. Keepers shall be authorised to acquire in advance, if they so wish and in compliance with the applicable national provisions, a quantity of ear tags proportionate to their needs for a period not exceeding one year. In the case of holdings which keep no more than five animals, the competent authority may not provide in advance more than five pairs of eartags.

6. In case of an ear tag loss, the replacement ear tags may contain, in addition to the information provided for and distinct from it, a mark expressing in Roman numerals the version number of the replacement ear tag. In such an event, the identification code provided for in paragraph 2 shall remain unchanged. Replacement ear tags used by a Member State for animals born in another Member State shall bear at least the same identification code in addition to the code or the logo of the competent authority issuing it.

<sup>(1)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/949 of 2 June 2017 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the configuration of the identification code for bovine animals and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 911/2004 (OJ L 143, 3.6.2017, p. 1).

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Ear tags shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) they shall be of flexible plastic material;
- (b) they shall be tamper-proof and easy to read throughout the lifetime of the animal;
- (c) they shall not be re-usable;
- (d) they shall be designed in such a way that they can remain attached to the animal without being harmful to it;
- (e) they shall carry only non-removable inscriptions, as provided for in Article 1.

*Article 3*

The model of the first ear tag shall be as follows:

- (a) it shall consist of two parts, a male part and a female part;
- (b) each part of the ear tag shall contain only the information provided for in Article 1;
- (c) the length of the ear tag shall be at least 45 mm for each part;
- (d) the width of the ear tag shall be at least 55 mm for each part;
- (e) the characters shall have a minimum height of 5 mm.

*Article 4*

Member States may choose other material or model for the second ear tag and may decide to add further information provided that the information requirements provided for in Article 1 (1) and (2) are complied with.

*Article 5*

Member States shall communicate to each other and to the Commission models for the first and the second ear tags as provided for in Articles 3 and 4.



CHAPTER II  
PASSPORTS AND HOLDING REGISTERS

*Article 6*

1. The passport shall contain at least the following:
  - (a) the information referred to in the first to seventh indent of Article 14 (3) C (1), of Directive 64/432/EEC;
  - (b) the information referred to in:
    - (i) the second indent of Article 14 (3) C (2) of Directive 64/432/EEC, or
    - (ii) the first indent of Article 14 (3) C (2) if the database provided for by Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 is fully operational;
  - (c) the signature of the keeper(s), with the exception of the transporter; when the database is fully operational as provided for in the first indent of Article 6 (3), of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000, only the signature of the last keeper shall be provided;
  - (d) the name of issuing authority;
  - (e) the date of issue of the passport.

2. Without prejudice to Chapter I.A.1 of the Annex to Council Directive 91/628/EEC on the protection of animals during transport <sup>(1)</sup>, a calf under four weeks of age may be moved, provided that its navel is healed. In such a case, Member States may provide for it to be accompanied by a temporary passport containing at least the information set out in paragraph 1 in a format approved by the competent authority.

The temporary passport shall be issued by the first keeper of the calf and shall be completed by each subsequent keeper with the exception of transporters. The keeper shall submit the temporary passport to the competent authority before the animal is four weeks old, or within seven days following the event if the animal dies or is slaughtered before it is four weeks old. Where the calf is still alive, the competent authority shall issue a final passport in accordance with paragraph 1 within 14 days of receipt of the temporary passport. Final passports shall record the details of all previous movements made by the calf as recorded on the temporary passport.

The calf may not move more than twice between holdings, accompanied by the temporary passport. For the purpose of this paragraph, a movement between two holdings through a market or calf collection centre shall count as one movement, provided that the market or the calf collection centre can provide, upon request, to the competent authorities a full record of the transactions carried out within the framework of that market or centre.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 340, 11.12.1991, p. 17. Directive as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

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3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1(a), the information provided for by the second and fifth indents of Article 14 (3) C (1) of Directive 64/432/EEC shall not be compulsory for passports of bovine animals born before 1 January 1998. The derogation provided for in this paragraph shall be without prejudice to the obligation to provide the abovementioned pieces of information where such a requirement is provided for by national rules. Member States shall communicate to each other and to the Commission the rules effectively applied regarding the information referred to in this paragraph.

4. For the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia the derogation provided for in paragraph 3 shall apply to bovine animals born before 1 January 2004.

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5. For Bulgaria and Romania the derogation provided for in paragraph 3 shall apply to bovine animals born more than 6 months before the date of accession of Bulgaria and Romania.

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6. For Croatia the derogation provided for in paragraph 3 shall apply to bovine animals born more than 6 months before the date of accession of Croatia.

**▼ B***Article 7*

In addition to the information referred to in Article 6, the following information concerning the premium situation of male animals, as provided for in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/99, shall be added to the passport:

- (a) application or grant: first-age bracket;
- (b) application or grant: second-age bracket.

*Article 8*

The register kept on each holding shall contain at least the following information:

- (a) the up-to-date information provided for in the first to fourth indent of Article 14 (3) C (1) of Directive 64/432/EEC;
- (b) the date of death of the animal on the holding;
- (c) in the case of animals departing from the holding, the name and address of the keeper, with the exception of the transporter, or the identification code of the holding, to whom/which the animal is being transferred, as well as the date of departure;
- (d) in the case of animals arriving on the holding, the name and address of the keeper, with the exception of the transporter, or the identification code of the holding, from whom/which the animal was transferred, and the date of arrival;

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- (e) the name and signature of the representative of the competent authority checking the register and the dates on which such checks are carried out.

*Article 9*

In the case of births, when fixing the period between three and seven days for notification of events by the keeper as provided for in Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000, Member States may use the date when the animal is tagged instead of the date of birth as the starting point for the period concerned, provided that no risk of confusion between those dates shall ensue in any record.

*Article 10*

Member States shall communicate to each other and to the Commission the model of the passport and the holding register used within their territory.

CHAPTER III  
**FINAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 11*

1. Regulation (EC) No 2629/97 is repealed.
2. References to Regulation (EC) No 2629/97 shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table set out in Annex II to this Regulation.

*Article 12*

This Regulation shall enter into force on first May 2004.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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**▼B***ANNEX II***CORRELATION TABLE**

Regulation (EC) No 2629/97	This Regulation
Article 1	Article 1
Article 2	Article 2
Article 3	Article 3
Article 4	Article 4
Article 5	Article 5
Article 6 (1), (2) and (4)	Article 6
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Article 9	Article 10
-	Article 11
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