

Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 of 6 June 2008 implementing Council Directives 90/426/EEC and 90/427/EEC as regards methods for the identification of equidae (Text with EEA relevance) (repealed)

CHAPTER I

**SUBJECT MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS**

*Article 1*

**Subject matter and scope**

- 1 This Regulation lays down rules on the identification of equidae:
  - a born in the Community; or
  - b released for free circulation in the Community in accordance with the customs procedure defined in Article 4(16)(a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92.
- 2 This Regulation shall be without prejudice to:
  - a Regulation (EEC) No 706/73 and Decision 96/78/EC; and
  - b measures taken by Member States to register holdings keeping equidae.

*Article 2*

**Definitions**

- 1 For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions in Article 2(a) and (c) to (f), (h) and (i) of Directive 90/426/EEC and Article 2(c) of Directive 90/427/EEC shall apply.
- 2 The following definitions shall also apply:
  - a ‘keeper’ means any natural or legal person having ownership of, or in the possession of, or charged with the keeping of, an equine animal, whether or not for financial reward, and whether or not on a permanent or on a temporary basis, including during transportation, at markets, or during competitions, races or cultural events;
  - b ‘transponder’ means a read-only passive radio frequency identification device:
    - (i) complying with standard ISO 11784 and applying HDX or FDX-B technology; and
    - (ii) capable of being read by a reading device compatible with standard ISO 11785, at a minimum distance of 12 cm;
  - c ‘equidae’ or ‘equine animals’ means wild or domesticated soliped mammals of all species within the genus *Equus* of the family Equidae, and their crosses;
  - d ‘unique life number’ means a unique 15-digit alphanumeric code compiling information on the individual equine animal and the database and country where such information is first recorded in accordance with the coding system of the Universal Equine Life Number (UELN) and comprising:
    - (i) a six-digit UELN-compatible identification code for the database referred to in Article 21(1); followed by

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- (ii) a nine-digit individual identification number assigned to the equine animal.
- e 'smart card' means a plastic device with an embedded computer chip capable of storing data and transmitting them electronically to compatible computer systems.

## CHAPTER II

### IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT

#### *Article 3*

#### **General principles and obligation to identify equidae**

1 Equidae referred to in Article 1(1) shall not be kept unless they are identified in accordance with this Regulation.

2 Where the keeper has no ownership of the equine animal he shall act within the framework of this Regulation on behalf of and in agreement with the natural or legal person having the ownership of the equine animal (the owner).

3 For the purpose of this Regulation, the system for the identification of equidae shall be comprised of the following elements:

- a a single lifetime identification document;
- b a method to ensure an unequivocal link between the identification document and the equine animal;
- c a database recording under a unique identification number the identification details relating to the animal for which an identification document was issued to a person recorded in that database.

#### *Article 4*

#### **Issuing bodies for identification documents for equidae**

1 Member States shall ensure that the identification document referred to in Article 5(1) for registered equidae is issued by the following bodies (issuing bodies):

- a the organisation or association officially approved or recognised by the Member State, or by the official agency of the Member State concerned, both as referred to in the first indent of Article 2(c) of Directive 90/427/EEC, which manages the stud book for that breed of animal, as referred to in Article 2(c) of Directive 90/426/EEC; or
- b a branch with its headquarters in a Member State of an international association or organisation which manages horses for competition or racing, as referred to in Article 2(c) of Directive 90/426/EEC.

2 The identification documents issued by the authorities in a third country issuing pedigree certificates in accordance with the third indent of Article 1 of Decision 96/510/EC shall be deemed valid in accordance with this Regulation for registered equidae referred to in Article 1(1)(b).

3 The issuing body for the identification document referred to in Article 5(1) for equidae for breeding and production shall be designated by the competent authority.

4 The issuing bodies referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall act in accordance with this Regulation, in particular with the provisions in Articles 5, 8 to 12, 14, 16, 17, 21 and 23.

5 Member States shall draw up and keep up to date the list of issuing bodies and make this information available to the other Member States and the public on a website.

The information on the issuing bodies shall include at least the contact details necessary to comply with the requirements of Article 19.

In order to assist the Member States in making those up to date lists available, the Commission shall provide a website to which each Member State shall provide a link to its national website.

6 The lists of issuing bodies in third countries referred to in paragraph 2 shall be prepared and updated in accordance with the following conditions:

- a the competent authority of the third country in which the issuing body is situated guarantees that:
  - (i) the issuing body complies with paragraph 2;
  - (ii) in the case of an issuing body approved in accordance with Directive 94/28/EEC, it must comply with the information requirement referred to in Article 21(3) of this Regulation;
  - (iii) lists of issuing bodies are drawn up, kept up to date and communicated to the Commission;
- b the Commission shall:
  - (i) provide the Member States with regular notifications concerning new or updated lists that it has received from the competent authorities of the third countries concerned in accordance with point (a)(iii);
  - (ii) arrange for up-to-date versions of those lists to be made available to the public;
  - (iii) where necessary, include the matter related to the list of issuing bodies in third countries, without undue delay, on the agenda of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics for decision in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 11(2) of Council Directive 88/661/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>.

## Article 5

### Identification of equidae born in the Community

1 Equidae born in the Community shall be identified by means of a single identification document in accordance with the model identification document for equidae set out in Annex I (identification document or passport). It shall be issued for the lifetime of the equine animal.

The identification document shall be in a printed indivisible format and contain entries for the insertion of the information required under the following Sections thereof:

- a in the case of registered equidae, Sections I to X;
- b in the case of equidae for breeding and production, at least Sections I, III, IV and VI to IX.

2 The issuing body shall ensure that no identification document is issued for an equine animal unless at least Section I thereof is duly completed.

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3 Without prejudice to Article 1(1) of Decision 96/78/EC, and notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1(a) and paragraph 2 of this Article, registered equidae shall be identified in the identification document according to the rules of the issuing bodies referred to in Article 4(1) or (2) of this Regulation.

4 For registered equidae, the issuing body, as referred to in Article 4(1)(a) and (2) of this Regulation, shall complete in Section II of the identification document the information in the certificate of origin, as referred to in Article 4(2)(d) of Directive 90/427/EEC.

In accordance with the principles of the approved or recognised breeding organisation keeping the stud book of the origin of the breed of the registered equine animal concerned, the certificate of origin must contain full pedigree information, the section of the stud book referred to in Article 2 or 3 of Decision 96/78/EC and, where established, the class of the main section in which the equine animal is entered.

5 For the purpose of obtaining an identification document, an application shall be submitted by the keeper, or, where specifically required by law in the Member State where the animal is born, by the owner, within the time limits provided for in paragraph 6 of this Article and Article 7(1) for an identification document referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, to the issuing body referred to in Article 4(1), (2) or (3), and all information necessary to comply with this Regulation shall be supplied.

6 Without prejudice to Article 13(1), equidae born in the Community shall be identified in accordance with this Regulation before 31 December of the year of birth of the equine animal or within six months following the date of birth, whatever date occurs later.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, Member States may decide to limit that maximum permitted period for identifying the equine animal to six months.

Member States making use of the derogation provided for in the second subparagraph shall inform the Commission and the other Member States.

7 The order of Sections and their numbering must remain unaltered in the identification document, except in the case of Section I that may be placed centrefold in the identification document.

8 The identification document shall not be duplicated or replaced, except as provided for in Articles 16 and 17.

#### *Article 6*

##### **Derogation from the completion of Section I of the identification document**

By way of derogation from Article 5(2), where a transponder is implanted in accordance with Article 11, or an individual, indelible and visible alternative mark is applied in accordance with Article 12, the information in points 3(b) to (h) of Part A of Section I and in points 12 to 18 in the outline diagram in Part B of Section I of the identification document need not be completed, or a photograph or print displaying details sufficient to identify the equine animal may be used instead of completing that outline diagram.

The derogation provided for in the first paragraph shall be without prejudice to the rules on identifying equidae laid down by the issuing bodies referred to in Article 4(1), (2) and (3).

## Article 7

### **Derogations concerning the identification of certain equidae living under wild or semi-wild conditions**

1 By way of derogation from Article 5(1), (3) and (5), the competent authority may decide that equidae constituting defined populations living under wild or semi-wild conditions in certain areas, including nature reserves, to be defined by that authority, shall be identified in accordance with Article 5 only when they are removed from such areas or brought into domestic use.

2 Member States intending to make use of the derogation provided for in paragraph 1 shall notify the Commission of the population and the areas concerned:

- a within six months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation; or
- b before making use of that derogation.

## Article 8

### **Identification of imported equidae**

1 The keeper or, where specifically required by law in the Member State where the animal is imported, the owner, shall apply for an identification document, or for the registration of the existing identification document in the database of the appropriate issuing body in accordance with Article 21, within 30 days of the date of completion of the customs procedure, as defined in Article 4(16)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 2913/92, where:

- a equidae are imported into the Community; or
- b the temporary admission defined in Article 2(i) of Directive 90/426/EEC is converted into permanent entry in accordance with Article 19(iii) of that Directive.

2 Where an equine animal, as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, is accompanied by papers that do not comply with Article 5(1) or lack certain information required in accordance with this Regulation, the issuing body shall on request of the keeper or, where specifically required by law in the Member State where the animal is imported, the owner:

- a complete those papers so that they meet the requirements of Article 5; and
- b record the identification details of that equine animal and the complementary information in the database in accordance with Article 21.

3 Where the papers accompanying the equidae as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article cannot be amended to meet the requirements of Article 5(1) and (2), they shall not be considered valid for identification purposes in accordance with this Regulation.

Where the papers referred to in the first subparagraph are surrendered to or invalidated by the issuing body, that fact shall be recorded in the database referred to in Article 21 and the equidae shall be identified in accordance with Article 5.

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## CHAPTER III

### CHECKS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ISSUE OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS AND TRANSPONDERS

#### *Article 9*

#### **Verification of single identification documents issued for equidae**

Before issuing an identification document, the issuing body, or the person acting on its behalf, shall take all appropriate measures to:

- (a) verify that no such identification document has already been issued for the equine animal concerned;
- (b) prevent the fraudulent issuing of multiple identification documents for an individual equine animal.

Those measures shall at least involve consulting the appropriate papers and electronic records available, checking the animal for any signs or marks indicative of any previous identification and applying the measures provided for in Article 10.

#### *Article 10*

#### **Measures to detect previous active marking of equidae**

- 1 The measures referred to in Article 9 shall include, at least, measures to detect:
  - a any transponder previously implanted, using a reading device complying with ISO standard 11785 and capable of reading HDX and FDX-B transponders at least when the reader is in direct contact with the body surface on the spot where under normal circumstances a transponder is implanted;
  - b any clinical signs indicating that a transponder previously implanted has been surgically removed;
  - c any other alternative mark on the animal applied in accordance with Article 12(3)(b).
- 2 Where the measures provided for in paragraph 1 indicate the existence of a previously implanted transponder, or any other alternative mark applied in accordance with Article 12(3)(b), the issuing body shall take the following measures:
  - a in the case of equidae born in a Member State, it shall issue a duplicate or replacement identification document in accordance with Articles 16 or 17;
  - b in the case of imported equidae, it shall act in accordance with Article 8(2).
- 3 Where the measures provided for in paragraph 1(b) indicate the existence of a transponder previously implanted, or the measures provided for in paragraph 1(c) indicate the existence of any other alternative mark, the issuing body shall enter this information in an appropriate way in Part A and in the outline diagram in Part B of Section I of the identification document.
- 4 Where the undocumented removal of a transponder or alternative mark referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article is confirmed in an equine animal born in the Community, the issuing body, as referred to in Article 4(1) or (3), shall issue a replacement identification document in accordance with Article 17.

## Article 11

### Electronic methods of identity verification

1 The issuing body shall ensure that at the time it is first identified, the equine animal is actively marked by the implantation of a transponder.

Member States shall lay down the minimum qualification required for the intervention referred to in the first subparagraph or designate the person or profession entrusted with such operations.

2 The transponder shall be implanted parenterally under aseptic conditions between poll and withers in the middle of the neck in the area of the nuchal ligament.

However, the competent authority may authorise the implantation of the transponder at a different place on the neck of the equine animal, provided that such alternative implantation does not compromise the welfare of the animal and does not increase the risk of migration of the transponder compared to the method referred to in the first subparagraph.

3 When the transponder is implanted in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2, the issuing body shall enter the following information in the identification document:

- a in point 5 of Part A of Section I, at least the last 15 digits of the code transmitted by the transponder and displayed by the reader following implantation, together with, where appropriate, a self-adhesive sticker with a bar code or a print of that bar code encoding at least those last 15 digits of the code transmitted by the transponder;
- b in point 11 of Part A of Section I, the signature and stamp of the person referred to in paragraph 1 who carried out the identification and implanted the transponder;
- c in points 12 or 13 of the outline diagram in Part B of Section I, depending on the side where the transponder was implanted, the place where the transponder has been implanted into the equine animal.

4 By way of derogation from paragraph 3(a) of this Article, where the measures provided for in Article 26(2) are implemented for an equine animal marked with a previously implanted transponder which does not comply with the standards defined in Article 2(2)(b), the name of the manufacturer or the reading system shall be inserted in point 5 of Part A of Section I in the identification document.

5 Where Member States lay down rules to ensure, in accordance with the standards referred to in Article 2(2)(b), the uniqueness of the numbers displayed by the transponders implanted by issuing bodies referred to in Article 4(1)(a) that are approved in accordance with Decision 92/353/EEC by the competent authorities of that Member State, those rules shall be applied without compromising the system of identification laid down by the issuing body in another Member State or third country that carried out the identification in accordance with this Regulation on request of the keeper or, where specifically required by law in the Member State where the animal is born, of the owner.

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## Article 12

### Alternative methods for identity verification

1 By way of derogation from Article 11(1), Member States may authorise the identification of equidae by suitable alternative methods, including marks, that provide equivalent scientific guarantees that, alone or in combination, ensure that the identity of the equine animal can be verified and that effectively prevent the double issuing of identification documents (alternative method).

The issuing body shall ensure that no identification document is issued for an equine animal, unless the alternative method referred to in the first subparagraph is entered in point 6 or 7 of Part A of Section I of the identification document and recorded in the database in accordance with Article 21(1)(f).

2 Where an alternative method is used, the keeper shall provide the means of accessing that identification information or shall, if applicable, bear the costs of verifying the identity of the animal.

3 Member States shall ensure that:

- a alternative methods as the sole means of the identity verification of equidae are not used in the majority of equidae identified in accordance with this Regulation;
- b visible marks applied to equidae for breeding and production cannot be confused with those reserved on their territory for registered equidae.

4 Member States intending to make use of the derogation provided for in paragraph 1 shall make this information available to the Commission, other Member States and the public on a website.

In order to assist the Member States in making that information available, the Commission shall provide a website to which each Member State shall provide a link to its national website.

## CHAPTER IV

### MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORT OF EQUIDAE

## Article 13

### Movement and transport of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production

1 The identification document shall accompany registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production at all times.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the identification document need not accompany equidae referred to in that paragraph on the occasions when they are:

- a stabled or on pasture, and the identification document can be produced without delay by the keeper;
- b moved temporarily on foot either:



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- (i) in the vicinity of the holding within a Member State so that the identification document can be produced within a period of three hours; or
  - (ii) during transhumance of equidae to and from summer grazing grounds and the identification documents can be produced at the holding of departure;
- c unweaned and accompany their dam or foster mare;
  - d participating in a training or test of an equestrian competition or event which requires them to leave the competition or event venue;
  - e moved or transported in an emergency situation relating to the equine animals themselves or, without prejudice to the second subparagraph of Article 14(1) of Directive 2003/85/EC, to the holding on which they are kept.

#### *Article 14*

##### **Derogation for certain movements and transport without or with simplified identification documents**

1 By way of derogation from Article 13(1), the competent authority may authorise the movement or transport within the same Member State of equidae referred to in that paragraph not accompanied by their identification document, provided they are accompanied by a smart card issued by the body that issued their identification document and containing the information set out in Annex II.

2 Member States, making use of the derogation provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article, may grant derogations to each other covering movements or transport of the equidae referred to in Article 13(1) within their own territories.

They shall notify the Commission of their intention to grant such derogations.

3 The issuing body shall issue a temporary document comprising at least a reference to the unique life number and, where available, the transponder code, allowing the equine animal to be moved or transported within the same Member State for a period not exceeding 45 days, during which the identification document is surrendered to the issuing body or the competent authority for the purpose of updating identification details.

4 Where, during the period referred to in paragraph 3, an equine animal is transported to another Member State or through another Member State to a third country, it shall, irrespective of its registration status, be accompanied, in addition to the temporary document, by a health certificate in accordance with Annex C to Directive 90/426/EEC. If the animal is not marked with a transponder or if the animal is not identified by an alternative method in accordance with Article 12 of this Regulation, that health certificate must be completed with a description in accordance with Section I of the identification document.

#### *Article 15*

##### **Movements and transport of equidae for slaughter**

1 The identification document issued in accordance with Articles 5(1) or 8 shall accompany equidae for slaughter while they are being moved or transported to the slaughterhouse.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authority may authorise an equine animal for slaughter which has not been identified in accordance with Article 5, to be

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transported directly from the holding of birth to the slaughterhouse within the same Member State provided that:

- a the equine animal is less than 12 months old and has visible dental stars of the temporary lateral incisors;
- b there is an uninterrupted traceability from the holding of birth to the slaughterhouse;
- c during transport to the slaughterhouse the equine animal is individually identifiable in accordance with Articles 11 or 12;
- d the consignment is accompanied by the food chain information in accordance with Section III of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 that shall include a reference to the individual identification referred to in point (c) of this paragraph.

3 Article 19(1)(b), (c) and (d) shall not apply in the case of the movement or transport of equidae for slaughter in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.

## CHAPTER V

### **DUPLICATION, REPLACEMENT AND SUSPENSION OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

#### *Article 16*

##### **Duplicate identification documents**

1 Where the original identification document is lost, but the equine animal's identity can be established, notably through the code transmitted by the transponder or the alternative method, and an ownership declaration is available, the issuing body, as referred to in Article 4(1), shall issue a duplicate identification document with a reference to the unique life number and shall clearly mark the document as such (duplicate identification document).

In such cases, the equine animal shall be classified in Part II of Section IX of the duplicate identification document as not intended for slaughter for human consumption.

Details of the duplicate identification document issued and the equine animal's classification in Section IX thereof shall be entered by reference to the unique life number in the database, as referred to in Article 21.

2 By way of derogation from the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the competent authority may decide to suspend the equine animal's status as intended for slaughter for human consumption for a period of six months where the keeper can satisfactorily demonstrate within 30 days of the declared date of loss of the identification document that the equine animal's status as intended for slaughter for human consumption has not been compromised by any medicinal treatment.

To that effect, the competent authority shall enter the date of commencement of the six-month suspension period in the first column of Part III of Section IX of the duplicate identification document, and complete the third column thereof.

3 Where the lost original identification document was issued by an issuing body referred to in Article 4(2) in a third country, the duplicate identification document shall be issued by that original issuing body and routed to the keeper or, where specifically required by law in the Member State where the equine animal is located, to the owner, via the issuing body or competent authority in that Member State.

In such cases, the equine animal shall be classified in Part II of Section IX of the duplicate identification document as not intended for slaughter for human consumption and the entry in the database as referred to in Article 21(1)(l) adapted accordingly.

However, the duplicate identification document may be issued by an issuing body referred to in Article 4(1)(a) which registers equidae of that breed or by an issuing body referred to in Article 4(1)(b) which registers equidae for that purpose in the Member State where the equine animal is located, where the original issuing body in the third country has so agreed.

4 Where the lost original identification document has been issued by an issuing body which is no longer in existence, the duplicate identification document shall be issued by an issuing body in the Member State where the equine animal is located in accordance with paragraph 1.

#### *Article 17*

### **Replacement identification document**

Where the original identification document is lost and the identity of the equine animal cannot be established, the issuing body as referred to in Article 4(3) in the Member State where the equine animal is located shall issue a replacement identification document (replacement identification document) which shall be clearly marked as such and meet the requirements of Article 5(1)(b).

In such cases, the equine animal shall be classified in Part II of Section IX of the replacement identification document as not intended for slaughter for human consumption.

Details of the replacement identification document issued and the equine animal's registration status and classification in Section IX thereof shall be adapted accordingly in the database as referred to in Article 21 by reference to the unique life number.

#### *Article 18*

### **Suspension of identification documents for movement purposes**

The official veterinarian shall suspend the validity for movement purposes of the identification document by making an appropriate entry in Section VIII thereof where an equine animal is kept on or comes from a holding which is:

- (a) subject to a prohibition order as referred to in Article 4(5) of Directive 90/426/EEC; or
- (b) situated in a Member State or part thereof that is not free of African horse sickness.

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## CHAPTER VI

### DEATH OF EQUIDAE AND EQUIDAE INTENDED FOR SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND MEDICATION RECORD

#### *Article 19*

#### **Death of equidae**

- 1 On the slaughter or death of the equine animal, the following measures shall be taken:
  - a the transponder shall be protected from subsequent fraudulent use, notably by its recovery, destruction or disposal in situ;
  - b the identification document shall be rendered invalid at least by stamping it 'invalid' on the first page;
  - c an attestation shall be communicated to the issuing body, either directly or through the contact point referred to in Article 23(4), with reference to the equine animal's unique life number to the effect that the equine animal has been slaughtered, was killed or died, including the date of death of the animal; and
  - d the invalidated identification document shall be destroyed.
- 2 The measures provided for in paragraph 1 shall be carried out by or under the supervision of:
  - a the official veterinarian:
    - (i) in case of slaughter or killing for disease control purposes, in accordance with Article 4(4)(i) of Directive 90/426/EEC; or
    - (ii) following slaughter, in accordance with Article 7(3) of Directive 90/426/EEC;  
or
  - b the competent authority defined in Article 2(1)(i) of Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002, in the case of disposal or processing of the carcass in accordance with Articles 4 or 5 of that Regulation.
- 3 Where, as required in paragraph 1(a), the transponder cannot be recovered from an equine animal slaughtered for human consumption, the official veterinarian shall declare the meat or the part of the meat containing the transponder unfit for human consumption in accordance with Chapter V(1)(n) of Section II of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004.
- 4 By way of derogation from paragraph 1(d), and without prejudice to the rules printed in the identification document by the issuing body, Member States may implement procedures to return the invalidated document to the issuing body.
- 5 In all cases of death or loss of the equine animal not referred to in this Article, the keeper shall return the identification document to the appropriate issuing body referred to in Article 4(1), (2) or (3) within 30 days of the death or loss of the animal.

#### *Article 20*

#### **Equidae intended for slaughter for human consumption and medication record**

- 1 An equine animal shall be deemed to be intended for slaughter for human consumption, unless it is irreversibly declared as not so intended in Part II of Section IX of the identification document, by the signature of:

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- a the keeper or owner on his/her own discretion, or
- b the keeper and the veterinarian responsible, acting in accordance with Article 10(2) of Directive 2001/82/EC.

2 Prior to any treatment in accordance with Article 10(2) of Directive 2001/82/EC or to any treatment by use of a medicinal product authorised in accordance with Article 6(3) of that Directive, the veterinarian responsible shall ascertain the equine animal's status as either intended for slaughter for human consumption, which is the default case, or not intended for slaughter for human consumption as set out in Part II of Section IX of the identification document.

3 Where the treatment referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article is not permitted for an equine animal intended for slaughter for human consumption, the veterinarian responsible shall ensure that in accordance with the derogation provided for in Article 10(2) of Directive 2001/82/EC the equine animal concerned is irreversibly declared as not intended for slaughter for human consumption by:

- a completing and signing Part II of Section IX of the identification document; and
- b invalidating Part III of Section IX of the identification document.

4 Where an equine animal is to be treated under the conditions referred to in Article 10(3) of Directive 2001/82/EC, the veterinarian responsible shall enter in Part III of Section IX of the identification document the requisite details of the medicinal product containing substances essential for the treatment of equidae listed in Regulation (EC) No 1950/2006.

The veterinarian responsible shall enter the date of last administration, as prescribed, of that medicinal product and shall, acting in accordance with Article 11(4) of Directive 2001/82/EC, inform the keeper of the date when the withdrawal period established in accordance with Article 10(3) of that Directive will lapse.

## CHAPTER VII

### RECORDS AND PENALTIES

#### *Article 21*

##### **Database**

1 When issuing the identification document, or registering previously issued identification documents, the issuing body shall record at least the following information concerning the equine animal in its database:

- a the unique life number;
- b the species;
- c the sex;
- d the colour;
- e the date (day, month and year) of birth;
- f if applicable, at least the last 15 digits of the code transmitted by the transponder, or the code transmitted by a radio frequency identification device not complying with the standard defined in Article 2(2)(b) together with information on the required reading system, or the alternative method;
- g the country of birth;
- h the date of issue and any amendment of the identification document;

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- i the name and address of the person to whom the identification document is issued;
- j the status as registered equidae or equidae for breeding and production;
- k the name of the animal (birth name and where applicable the commercial name);
- l the known status of the animal as not intended for slaughter for human consumption;
- m information concerning any duplicate and replacement identification documents in accordance with Articles 16 and 17;
- n the notified date of death of the animal.

2 The issuing body shall keep the information referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article on record in its database for at least 35 years or until at least two years from the date of death of the equine animal communicated in accordance with Article 19(1)(c).

3 Immediately after recording the information referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the issuing body shall communicate the information referred to in points (a) to (f) and (n) of that paragraph to the central database in the Member State where the equine animal was born, if such central database has been made available in accordance with Article 23.

#### *Article 22*

### **Communication of code of databases of issuing bodies**

The Member States shall make the names, addresses, including communication details, and six-digit UELN-compatible identification code of the databases of the issuing bodies available to the other Member States and the public on a website.

In order to assist the Member States in making such information available, the Commission shall provide a website to which each Member State shall provide a link to its national website.

#### *Article 23*

### **Central databases and their cooperation and contact points**

1 A Member State may decide that the issuing body is to incorporate the information referred to in Article 21 relating to equidae born or identified on its territory in a central database or that the issuing body's database is to be networked with that central database (the central database).

2 The Member States shall cooperate in the operation of their central databases in accordance with Directive 89/608/EEC.

3 The Member States shall make the name, address and six-digit UELN-compatible identification code of their central databases available to the other Member States and the public on a website.

In order to assist the Member States in making such information available, the Commission shall provide a website to which each Member State shall provide a link to its national website.

4 Member States shall provide a contact point to receive the attestation referred to in Article 19(1)(c) for further distribution to the respective issuing bodies approved on their territory.

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That contact point may be a liaison body referred to in Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.

Details about the contact point, which may be incorporated in the central database, shall be made available to other Member States and the public on a website.

In order to assist the Member States in making such information available, the Commission shall provide a website to which each Member State shall provide a link to its national website.

#### *Article 24*

#### **Penalties**

The Member States shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements of this Regulation and shall take all measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. The penalties laid down shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive.

The Member States shall notify those provisions to the Commission by 30 June 2009 at the latest. Any subsequent amendments affecting them shall be notified to the Commission without delay.

### CHAPTER VIII

#### **TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### *Article 25*

#### **Repeal**

Decisions 93/623/EEC and 2000/68/EC are repealed with effect from 1 July 2009.

References to the repealed Decisions shall be construed as references to this Regulation.

#### *Article 26*

#### **Transitional provisions**

1 Equidae which are born by 30 June 2009 at the latest, and identified by that date in accordance with Decisions 93/623/EEC or 2000/68/EC, shall be deemed to be identified in accordance with this Regulation.

The identification documents for those equidae shall be registered in accordance with Article 21(1) of this Regulation by 31 December 2009 at the latest.

2 Equidae which are born by 30 June 2009 at the latest, but not identified by that date in accordance with Decisions 93/623/EEC or 2000/68/EC, shall be identified in accordance with this Regulation by 31 December 2009 at the latest.

[<sup>F13</sup> Equidae which are born in Croatia by 30 June 2013 at the latest, and not identified in accordance with this Regulation, shall be identified in accordance with this Regulation by 31 December 2014 at the latest.]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Inserted by Commission Regulation (EU) No 519/2013 of 21 February 2013 adapting certain regulations and decisions in the fields of free movement of goods, freedom of movement for persons, right of establishment and freedom to provide services, company law, competition policy, agriculture, food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, fisheries, transport policy, energy, taxation, statistics, social policy and employment, environment, customs union, external relations, and foreign, security and defence policy, by reason of the accession of Croatia.

#### *Article 27*

#### **Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 July 2009.

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



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(1) [OJ L 382, 31.12.1988, p. 36.](#)

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