

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER V

MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORT OF EQUIDAE

Article 23

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

1 The identification documents issued for registered equidae or for equidae for breeding and production in accordance with Article 9(1), Article 14, Article 29, Article 30 or Article 32 shall accompany those equidae for which they were issued at all times, including, where required by national legislation, during the transport of the carcass of the equine animal for processing in an establishment approved in accordance with point (a) of Article 24(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 or referred to in point (a)(iii) of Chapter III of Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the identification document shall not be required to accompany registered equidae or equidae for breeding and production when they are:

- a stabled or on pasture, and the identification document can be presented without delay by the keeper;
- b temporarily ridden, driven, led or taken either:
 - (i) in the vicinity of the holding within a Member State so that the identification document can be presented without delay; or
 - (ii) during transhumance of equidae to and from registered summer grazing grounds provided that the identification documents can be presented 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 temporarily the training, competition or event venue;
- e moved or transported in an emergency situation relating to the equine animals themselves or to the holding on which they are kept.

Article 24

Derogation for movement or transport of equidae accompanied by a temporary document

1 On application by the keeper or on request by the competent authority, the issuing body shall issue a temporary document showing at least the information provided for in Annex III, allowing the equidae to be moved or transported within the same Member State for a period not exceeding 45 days, while the identification document is surrendered to the issuing body or the competent authority for the purpose of updating identification details.

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2 Equidae, accompanied by a temporary document as provided for in paragraph 1, shall not be moved to a slaughterhouse for slaughter for human consumption.

3 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, where, during the period of 45 days referred to in that paragraph, an equine animal is to be 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 referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, by a health certificate in accordance with Annex III to Directive 2009/156/EC.

Article 25

Derogation for movements with a smart card

1 By way of derogation from Article 23(1), the competent authority may authorise the movement or transport of registered equidae or equidae for breeding and production within the same Member State not accompanied by their identification document, provided that they are accompanied by a smart card issued by the same issuing 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 registered equidae or equidae for breeding and production within their own territories.

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

Article 26

Movements and transport of equidae for slaughter

1 The following shall accompany equidae for slaughter while they are being moved or transported to the slaughterhouse:

- a the identification document issued in accordance with Article 9(1) or Article 14; or
- b the duplicate identification document issued in accordance with Article 29 or 30 which was subject to the derogation provided for in Article 31.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authority may authorise equidae for slaughter for which no identification document was issued in accordance with Article 9(1), to be transported directly from the holding of birth to the slaughterhouse within the same Member State provided that:

- a the equidae for slaughter are less than 12 months old and have 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 equidae for slaughter are individually marked in accordance with Article 18 or 21;
- 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 must include a reference to the individual marking referred to in point (c) of this paragraph;
- e the transponder or any physical identifier applied to the equine animal in accordance with Article 21 shall be protected from subsequent fraudulent use, notably by its recovery, destruction or disposal in situ.

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3 Article 34(1)(b) and (c) shall not apply in the case of the movement or transport of equidae for slaughter in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.