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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2009 No. 411**

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

**PART VII**

**Movement documents**

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**20.**—(1) A person shall not contravene Article 6(1) of the Council Regulation or fail to complete the movement document in a form approved by the Department except that the identities of the animals moved may be recorded at the holding of destination where that holding is a central point of recording and the animals are transported in accordance with Section C of the Annex to the Council Regulation.

(2) The keeper at the holding of origin shall retain a copy of the movement document for 3 years from the date of the movement of an animal off his holding and shall keep them in chronological order.

(3) A keeper shall retain the information provided by a central point of recording in accordance with paragraph (1) with the movement document to which it refers for a period of 3 years from the date of the movement of an animal off his holding.

(4) The keeper at the holding of destination shall comply with Article 6(3) of the Council Regulation and shall keep the movement documents in chronological order.

(5) For the purposes of Article 6(3) the minimum period for which the keeper at that holding must keep the movement document is 3 years from the date of the movement of an animal onto his holding.

(6) A keeper shall not move or cause or permit to be moved, any animal onto or from a holding unless—

- (a) the Department has allocated to the keeper a herd or flock number in respect of the holding; and
- (b) the animal is identified in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Order.

**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 20 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1](#)

**Supply of movement document**

**21.**—(1) Subject to Article 22(4) in the case of an animal moved from a holding, other than a market, to a second holding—

- (a) upon the animal's arrival at the second holding, the transporter must give the movement document to the keeper at that holding; and

- (b) the keeper at the second holding must send a copy of the movement document to the Divisional Veterinary Office—
  - (i) within 7 days of the animal arriving at the holding in the case of a holding other than market or a slaughterhouse; and
  - (ii) in the case of a market or a slaughterhouse not approved as a central point of recording in accordance with Article 25, on the day of movement to which it relates, or where this is not reasonably practicable, on the next following working day.
- (2) in the case of an animal moved from a holding for consignment outside Northern Ireland, the keeper at that holding must send a copy of the movement document to the Divisional Veterinary Office—
  - (a) within 7 days of the animal leaving the holding in the case of a holding other than an assembly centre; or
  - (b) on the day of the movement to which it relates, or where this is not reasonably practicable on the next following working day, in the case of an assembly centre.
- (3) In the case of an animal moved onto a holding from a place outside Northern Ireland the keeper at that holding must send a copy of the movement document to the Divisional Veterinary Office—
  - (a) within 7 days of the animal leaving the holding in the case of a holding other than a slaughterhouse; and
  - (b) within 24 hours in the case of the arrival of an animal at a slaughterhouse not approved as a central point of recording in accordance with Article 25.

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** Art. 21 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1](#)

**Derogation from movement documents**

**22.**—(1) For the purposes of Article 6(4) of the Council Regulation the Department may authorise any person to notify the movement of an animal by electronic means.

(2) An authorisation under this Article shall specify the format in which the data is to be transmitted and the method of transmission.

(3) Where a person is authorised under this Article to notify the movement of any animal by electronic means, any notification he gives pursuant to that authorisation shall contain the same information in relation to that movement as would be required in the case of a notification by a movement document under Article 21(1) and shall be in the format specified under paragraph (2).

(4) Where the centralised computer database contains the movement information under paragraph (3), the movement document shall be optional.

(5) Where a person notifies the movement of an animal electronically to the Department in accordance with this Article and that movement is to the holding of a keeper not authorised by the Department to notify a movement electronically, the person shall upon the animal's arrival at the second holding supply a movement document to that keeper.

(6) A keeper to whom a movement document is supplied under paragraph (5) shall send a copy of the movement document to the Divisional Veterinary Office—

- (a) within 7 days of the animal arriving at the holding in the case of a holding other than a market, slaughterhouse or assembly centre; or

(b) in the case of a market, slaughterhouse or assembly centre on the day of movement to which it relates, or where this is not reasonably, practicable, on the next following working day.

(7) Where a person not authorised under this Article to notify a movement electronically moves an animal to a keeper who is authorised and the movement is entered onto the centralised computer database by that keeper in accordance with paragraph (3) and within the time periods specified in paragraph (6), the movement document shall be retained by the keeper under Article 20(5).

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** Art. 22 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [art. 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

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