

## **Executive Note**

### **The Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/594**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure but the 21 day rule has not been observed because the instrument must come into force by 22 December 2006.

### **Policy Objectives**

The purpose of this instrument is to correct and replace the Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006. It amends the Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 in a number of ways.

It introduces, in regulations 12 and 22, a 28 day time limit for applying replacement identification to animals whose identification has been removed, lost or become illegible.

It removes the options to apply X eartags as a second means of identification for animals going for export to other member States. It has been confirmed by the EU Commission, as a condition of a derogation which has been granted in respect of animals going for export, that these options should no longer be available. It also provides that animals born on or before 9 July 2005 may only go for export to another member State if they have a baseline UK eartag as a first means of identification.

It provides that, in markets, the sale date must be recorded in the holding register and on the movement document.

### **Consultation**

No formal consultation was conducted for these amendments. Industry Stakeholders were consulted and they agreed the amendments.

### **Financial Effects**

The instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.