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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 559**

**The Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability)  
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007**

**Amendment of the Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability) (Scotland) Regulations 2006**

4. For regulations 6 to 11 (application of identification) substitute—

**“Identification applied on or after 18th January 2008**

6.—(1) The keeper of—

- (a) an animal born on or after 18th January 2008; or
- (b) an animal born on or after 9th July 2005 and before 18th January 2008 which has not moved from its holding of birth by that date and does not bear a means of identification applied under previous United Kingdom Orders or Regulations,

must comply with Article 4(1) and (2)(a) and (b) of the Council Regulation and this regulation.

(2) The keeper of an animal born before 9th July 2005 which has moved from its holding of birth prior to 9th July 2005 and does not bear a means of identification applied under previous United Kingdom Orders or Regulations, before moving such an animal must comply with Article 4(2)(a) and (b) of the Council Regulation and this regulation.

(3) The period determined for the purposes of Article 4(1) of the Council Regulation is—

- (a) 9 months from its date of birth, in the case of an animal kept in extensive or free range farming conditions; and
- (b) 6 months from its date of birth, in the case of any other animal.

(4) The individual identification code for the purposes of Section A.2 of the Annex is the following information in the following order—

- (a) the letters “UK”;
- (b) the flockmark or herdmark of the holding of birth; and
- (c) a unique number.

**Alternative method of identification for animals intended for slaughter before the age of 12 months**

7.—(1) In accordance with Article 4(3) of the Council Regulation the keeper of an animal intended for slaughter before the age of 12 months and intended neither for intra Community trade nor for export to third countries may apply to the animal an alternative method of identification to that required under Article 4(2) of the Council Regulation and regulation 6.

(2) The alternative method of identification to be applied under paragraph (1) must be a single baseline eartag.

**Identification for animals no longer intended for slaughter before the age of 12 months**

**8.—(1)** The keeper of an animal to which an alternative method of identification is applied under regulation 7 (alternative method of identification for animals intended for slaughter) which—

- (a) is not slaughtered before the age of 12 months; or
- (b) is to be consigned for export before the age of 12 months,

must apply additional means of identification to the animal in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The additional means of identification to be applied under paragraph (1) must be—

- (a) a second baseline eartag, or a second means of identification in accordance with Article 4(2)(b) of the Council Regulation, bearing the same individual identification code as the baseline eartag applied under regulation 7; or
- (b) two baseline eartags, or one baseline eartag and one other means of identification in accordance with Article 4(2)(b) bearing the same individual identification code with the following information in the following order—
  - (i) the letters “UK”;
  - (ii) the flockmark or herdmark of the holding where the additional means of identification are applied; and
  - (iii) a unique number.

(3) Where two means of identification are applied under this regulation the keeper must not remove or deface the baseline eartag applied under regulation 7.

(4) In the case of an animal not slaughtered before the age of 12 months, the additional means of identification must be applied when the animal reaches the age of 12 months.

(5) In the case of an animal to be consigned for export before the age of 12 months, the additional means of identification must be applied before the animal leaves the holding from which it is consigned for export.

**Animals identified before 18th January 2008**

**9.** The keeper of an animal which bears a means of identification applied before 18th January 2008 which does not contain an individual identification code or unique number must apply to the animal before it leaves the holding on which it is located at that date—

- (a) in the case of an animal on its holding of birth a first and second means of identification meeting the requirements of Article 4(2)(a) and (b) of the Council Regulation and regulation 6(1) and (4); and
- (b) in the case of an animal not on its holding of birth, two replacement means of identification of which one must be a replacement eartag.

**Animals sent for export**

**10.—(1)** The keeper of an animal consigned for export which does not bear means of identification meeting the requirements of Article 4(2)(a) and (b) of the Council Regulation must apply such means of identification to the animal.

(2) The keeper of an animal consigned for export which bears means of identification containing different individual identification codes must apply to the animal an eartag containing the same individual identification code as one of the existing means of identification.

(3) The means of identification to be applied under this regulation must be applied, at the latest, before the animal leaves the holding from which it is consigned for export.

**Animals imported from third countries**

**11.**—(1) The keeper of an animal imported from a third country must comply with Article 4(4) of the Council Regulation and this regulation.

(2) The period determined for the purposes of Article 4(4) of the Council Regulation is 14 days.

(3) For an animal imported from a third country, the individual identification code for the purposes of Section A.2 of the Annex is the following information in the following order—

- (a) the letters “UK”;
- (b) the flockmark or herdmark of the holding to which the animal was first moved for the purposes of livestock farming; and
- (c) a unique number.”.