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**2023 No.**

**The Microchipping of Cats and  
Dogs (England) Regulations 2023**

**Obligation to microchip**

3.—(1) This regulation is subject to regulation 4.

(2) A keeper of—

(a) a cat which is older than 20 weeks;

(b) a dog which is—

(i) older than 8 weeks; and

(ii) not a certified working dog for the purposes of section 6(3) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006,

must ensure that it is microchipped.

(3) Where a keeper imports a cat or a dog, the keeper must ensure that it is microchipped within thirty days of its entry into England, whether or not it is a cat or a dog of a description in paragraph (2) (a) or (b).

(4) A cat or a dog is microchipped where—

(a) a microchip which complies with regulation 5 has been implanted in the cat or the dog; and

(b) the details set out in regulation 6 are recorded on a database by a database operator meeting the conditions in regulation 7.