
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 871

The Cattle Identification Regulations 1998

PART III

CATTLE PASSPORTS

Return of the cattle passport from slaughterhouses etc.

27.—(1) Following slaughter, the operator of a licensed slaughterhouse shall immediately give the cattle passport for each animal slaughtered to the official veterinary surgeon or his representative, together with notification of the fact that the animal has been slaughtered.

(2) If an animal is slaughtered other than in a licensed slaughterhouse and the carcase is then sent to a licensed slaughterhouse to be dressed for human consumption—

- (a) the keeper shall send the cattle passport with the carcase to the slaughterhouse;
- (b) the operator of the slaughterhouse shall not accept the carcase unless it is accompanied by the cattle passport; and
- (c) the operator shall give the cattle passport to the official veterinary surgeon or his representative together with notification that he has accepted the animal for dressing for human consumption.

(3) If an animal is slaughtered for human consumption other than in a licensed slaughterhouse and is not sent to a licensed slaughterhouse for dressing for human consumption, or is killed other than for human consumption and not taken to a knacker's yard or hunt kennel, the keeper of the animal at the time of slaughter or killing shall send the cattle passport to the appropriate Minister within 7 days.

(4) If an animal dies on a holding or is killed other than for human consumption and is taken to a knacker's yard or hunt kennel, then the person collecting the carcase shall either—

- (a) send the passport (if it has one) to the appropriate Minister within 21 days of collection, giving the address of the holding of collection and indicating that the animal has died or has been killed; or
- (b) if the animal did not have a passport, notify the appropriate Minister within 21 days of collection of the ear tag number of the animal and the address and holding of collection.

(4) Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.