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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 529**

**The Cattle Identification Regulations 2007**

**PART 1**

INTRODUCTION

**Title, application and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cattle Identification Regulations 2007; they apply in England and come into force on 6th April 2007.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“cattle” means bovine animals, including bison and buffalo;

“cattle passport” means—

- (a) a cattle passport issued in England, Wales or Scotland under Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000;
- (b) a cattle passport issued under the Cattle Passports Order 1996(1); or
- (c) a movement document issued under the Cattle (Identification of Older Animals) (England) Regulations 2000(2) or the equivalent measure in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland;

“holding” means any establishment, construction or, in the case of an open-air farm, any place in which cattle are held, kept or handled;

“inspector” means a person appointed to be an inspector for the purposes of these Regulations by the Secretary of State or a local authority;

“keeper” means any person responsible for animals, whether on a permanent or temporary basis, including during transportation or at a market;

“local authority” means—

- (a) where there is only one principal council, that council;
- (b) in the City of London and in all London boroughs in relation to imported animals, the Common Council; otherwise
- (c) the county council.

“previous cattle tagging legislation” means—

- (a) the Cattle Identification Regulations 1998(3);
- (b) the Bovine Animals (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 1995(4);

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(1) S. I. 1996/1686.  
(2) S. I. 2000/2976.  
(3) S. I. 1998/871.  
(4) S. I. 1995/12.

- (c) the Bovine Animals (Identification, Marking and Breeding Records) Order 1990<sup>(5)</sup>;
- (d) the Tuberculosis (England and Wales) Order 1984<sup>(6)</sup>; and
- (e) the Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 1984<sup>(7)</sup>;

“Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000” means Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council (establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 820/97<sup>(8)</sup>);

“valid”, in relation to a cattle passport, means a cattle passport that has been correctly completed and signed in the appropriate place by each keeper of the animal and where the identification number and description of the animal in the passport correlate to the ear tags and the animal.

- (2) Any approval, authorisation, licence, notice or registration issued under—
  - (a) these Regulations,
  - (b) Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000;
  - (c) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 911/2004 (implementing Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards ear tags, passports and holding registers<sup>(9)</sup>); or
  - (d) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 644/2005 (authorising a special identification system for bovine animals kept for cultural and historical purposes on approved premises as provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(10)</sup>),

must be in writing, may be made subject to conditions and may be amended or revoked by notice in writing at any time.

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<sup>(5)</sup> S. I. 1990/1867.

<sup>(6)</sup> S. I. 1984/1943.

<sup>(7)</sup> S. I. 1984/2036.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ No. L204, 11.8.2000, p. 1.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ No. L 163, 30.4.2004, p. 63.

<sup>(10)</sup> OJ No. L 107, 28.4.2005, p. 18.