

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4

Ear tags

Enforcement of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000

- 1.—(1) The National Assembly—
 - (a) is the competent authority for the purposes of approving ear tags for the purposes of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000; and
 - (b) on application from a manufacturer of approved ear tags, must issue unique identification codes for the purposes of that Article, conforming with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 911/2004 (except that he may refuse to allocate numbers in the circumstances set out in Article 1(5) of that Regulation).
- (2) The person responsible for identifying cattle by means of an ear tag applied to each ear in accordance with Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 is the keeper.
- (3) In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000—
 - (a) in the case of a dairy herd, the keeper must apply one ear tag to the calf within 36 hours of birth and the second tag within 20 days of birth;
 - (b) in the case of any other herd (other than bison) the keeper must apply both tags within 20 days of birth;
 - (c) in the case of bison, in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 509/1999, the keeper must apply both tags when the calves are separated from their dams or within nine months of the birth, whichever is the sooner.
- (4) Any person who fails to comply with the requirement in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 to apply an ear tag within the period specified in paragraph (3) above is guilty of an offence.

Form of ear tags

- 2.—(1) Ear tags applied under Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 must be approved by the National Assembly.
- (2) In accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 911/2004, both ear tags must have the logo specified in paragraph 11 (in the case of a two-piece ear tag, both pieces must have it), the letters “UK” and the unique number allocated by the National Assembly.
- (3) In accordance with Article 1(3) of that Regulation an ear tag may also have a bar code.
- (4) The power in Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 911/2004 (a power to choose other material or model for the second ear tag) may be exercised by the National Assembly.

Movement from a holding

- 3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), any person who moves an animal from a holding in breach of the third paragraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 is guilty of an offence.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), any person who moves from a holding cattle that should have been tagged or marked under previous cattle tagging legislation and that are not correctly tagged or marked is guilty of an offence.
- (3) If an animal at a market is not correctly tagged or marked, an inspector may issue a licence to the keeper permitting the animal to be moved from the market to a holding specified in the licence.

(4) Any person who moves an animal in breach of the licence or any condition of the licence is guilty of an offence.

Replacement ear tags

4.—(1) The National Assembly is the competent authority for the purposes of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000, and any person who either removes or replaces an ear tag (or an ear tag attached under previous cattle tagging legislation) without permission in contravention of that Article or Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 is guilty of an offence.

(2) If a keeper of an animal born in Great Britain on or after 1 January 1998 discovers that an ear tag has become illegible or has been lost, he or she must, within 28 days of the discovery, replace it with another ear tag bearing the same number (which must be a primary tag if the original was primary, or a primary or secondary tag if the original tag was secondary) and failure to do is an offence.

(3) If a keeper of an animal born in Great Britain before 1 January 1998 discovers that an ear tag has become illegible or has been lost, he or she must, within 28 days of the discovery, either re-tag it with another single tag, or re-tag it with double tags in accordance with these Regulations, and any person failing to do so is guilty of an offence.

(4) If an animal born outside Great Britain loses an ear tag the keeper must, within 28 days of discovering that the ear tag has been lost, re-tag it using a replacement tag that has—

- (a) the crown logo specified in paragraph 11; and
- (b) the original identification code,

and any person failing to do so is guilty of an offence.

(5) It is an offence to apply an ear tag to an animal if it has previously been used to identify a different animal.

(6) It is an offence to apply an ear tag to an animal if the ear tag number has already been used on a different animal.

(7) Paragraphs (2) to (4) do not apply to the occupier of a slaughterhouse or the operator of a market.

Change of ear tag number

5. If an animal born before 1 January 1998 is re-tagged with a different ear tag number, the keeper must, within 14 days of the new ear tag being attached and in any event before the animal is moved off the holding, notify the National Assembly of the new ear tag number and return the old cattle passport with an application for a new cattle passport to be issued with the new ear tag number, and failure to do so is an offence.

Ear tags for animals kept for cultural or historical purposes

6.—(1) A person who keeps cattle for cultural or historical purposes may apply to the National Assembly to have his or her holding registered for this purpose in accordance with Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 644/2005.

(2) If the National Assembly has approved a holding for these purposes, the derogation relating to tagging in Article 2 of that Regulation applies provided that the cattle are identified by means of an electronic identifier contained in a ruminal bolus.

Temporary marks

7. If an animal is not tagged in accordance with these Regulations or previous cattle tagging legislation, an inspector may apply an identification mark to it.

Intra-Community trade

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Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 1 para. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Livestock \(Records, Identification and Movement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/92), regs. 1(2), **2(4)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Imports from third countries

9.—(1) Any person who fails to apply ear tags to an animal imported from a third country within 20 days of the animal being released from the border inspection post at which it was imported, and in any event before the animal leaves the holding of destination, as specified in Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000, is guilty of an offence.

(2) It is a defence for any person charged under this regulation to prove that—

- (a) when the animal was imported, the holding of destination was a slaughterhouse, and
- (b) the animal was slaughtered within 20 days of leaving the border inspection post.

Alteration and storage of ear tags

10.—(1) It is an offence to alter, obliterate or deface an ear tag applied under Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 or previous cattle tagging legislation, or a temporary mark applied by an inspector in accordance with paragraph 7 (application of temporary marks).

(2) Any person who has in his or her possession unused ear tags issued for the purposes of these Regulations must keep them in a secure place, and failure to do so is an offence.

Logo for ear tags

11. The crown logo for ear tags is—



SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 5

Registration of cattle

Registration

1. It is an offence to fail to register an animal in accordance with this Schedule.

Method of registration

- 2.—(1) An application to register an animal must be made to the National Assembly.
- (2) Registration is by means of an application for a passport.
- (3) The application must be made—
 - (a) using the National Assembly's interactive website;
 - [^{F2}(aa) using the Welsh Ministers' automated telephony service;]
 - (b) using software approved by the National Assembly; or
 - (c) in writing, using the application form provided by the National Assembly,
 and must provide all the required information.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Sch. 2 para. 2(3)(aa) inserted (1.5.2013) by [The Cattle Identification \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/821\)](#), regs. 1, 6

Registration of birth

- 3.—(1) When a calf is born its keeper must register it within 7 days from the date it is tagged (or, in the case of a dairy herd, from the date on which the second ear tag is applied to the animal).
- (2) In the case of bison, the time limit for registration is 7 days from the birth of the calf, whether or not the animal has been tagged, and the application must state the tag number intended to be used for the animal.

Registration of cattle brought in from [^{F3}a] member State etc.

- 4.—(1) If cattle are brought in from [^{F4}a] member State, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Northern Ireland, the keeper must, within 15 days of an animal arriving at the holding of destination—
 - (a) register it with the National Assembly, and
 - (b) surrender its cattle passport (if any) to the National Assembly.
- (2) If cattle are brought in from a place specified in paragraph (1) and the holding of destination is a market or a showground, the provisions of paragraph (1) do not apply until the animal reaches a holding that is not a market or a showground.
- (3) The requirement to register does not apply in relation to cattle at a slaughterhouse.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Word in Sch. 2 para. 4 title substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Livestock \(Records, Identification and Movement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/92\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Word in Sch. 2 para. 4(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Livestock \(Records, Identification and Movement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/92\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Cattle from outside the European Union

5.—(1) In the case of cattle imported from outside the European Union the keeper must register an animal within 15 days from the date that the animal must be tagged in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000.

(2) The requirement to register does not apply in relation to cattle at a slaughterhouse.

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 6

Cattle passports

PART 1

Passports

Issue of a passport

1.—(1) If the National Assembly receives a fully completed and accurate application for the registration of an animal within the specified time limits, it must issue a cattle passport for that animal.

(2) The National Assembly may issue one if it receives an application outside the specified time, but only if it is satisfied of the animal's identity and that all the information in the application is accurate.

(3) The passport remains the property of the National Assembly at all times.

Retention of cattle passports

2.—(1) A keeper must retain the cattle passport for each animal (unless it has been submitted to the National Assembly) and produce it to an inspector on demand.

(2) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

Lost cattle passports and replacements

3.—(1) If a cattle passport is lost, stolen or destroyed, the keeper of the animal to which it relates must notify the National Assembly in writing within 14 days of becoming aware of the fact and apply for a replacement.

(2) The National Assembly may only provide a replacement cattle passport if it is satisfied that it can accurately reconstruct the movements of the animal since birth or importation.

[^{F5}(3) If the Welsh Ministers do not provide a replacement, the animal to which it relates must not be moved off a holding except (under the authority of a licence granted by the Welsh Ministers) to—

- (a) a plant approved under Article 24(1)(a), (b), (c) or (h) of Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council [^{F6}, as last amended by Regulation (EU) No 1385/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council]; or
- (b) a registered collection centre which complies with Section 1 of Chapter II of Annex VI of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council.]

(4) If a person who has obtained a replacement cattle passport subsequently finds the original cattle passport, he or she must notify the National Assembly within 7 days and enclose with the notification the original cattle passport.

(5) Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this paragraph is guilty of an offence.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Sch. 3 para. 3(3) substituted (20.10.2011 at 12.15 a.m.) by [The Animal By-Products \(Enforcement\) \(No. 2\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2377\)](#), reg. 31(2), **Sch. 2 para. 13**
- F6** Words in Sch. 3 para. 3(3)(a) inserted (28.3.2019) by [The Rural Affairs, Environment, Fisheries and Food \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/463\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(4)**

Fees

4.—(1) The National Assembly may set a fee for a replacement cattle passport.

(2) The fee is the amount that the National Assembly considers reasonable to enable it to meet its expenses in replacing the passport.

(3) The National Assembly must publicise the fee on its website.

(4) The fee is payable with the application and is not refundable if the applicant withdraws the application or the National Assembly is unable to obtain sufficient information to issue a replacement passport.

Confiscation of cattle passports

5.—(1) An officer of the National Assembly or a local authority may serve a notice on a keeper requiring him or her to surrender a passport if—

- (a) there is no animal on the holding for that passport;
- (b) the passport does not correctly describe the animal to which it purports to relate, or the passport was issued for a different animal;
- (c) the ear tag number in the passport is different from the ear tag number on the animal;
- (d) the movement details on the passport are not the same as the movement details on the database kept by the National Assembly in accordance with these Regulations or in the records kept by the keeper in accordance with these Regulations;

and any person who fails to comply with such a notice is guilty of an offence.

(2) The National Assembly may not return a passport until it is satisfied that the passport accurately describes an animal in the possession of the keeper and that the movement entries in the passport are accurate.

Stolen animals

6. If an animal with a cattle passport is lost or stolen, the keeper must send the cattle passport to the National Assembly within 7 days of becoming aware of the fact, together with written details of what has occurred, and failure to do so is an offence.

Alterations

7. It is an offence to alter or deface any information in a cattle passport.

Misusing a passport

8. It is an offence to use a cattle passport in relation to an animal other than the animal for which it was granted.

PART 2

Movement using passports

Movement off a holding

9.—(1) When cattle are moved off a holding, the keeper must ensure that the cattle passport is marked with the date of movement and must sign it in the appropriate place.

(2) He or she must give the cattle passport duly completed to the transporter before the cattle are moved off the holding.

(3) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

Transporting cattle

10.—(1) Anyone transporting cattle must ensure that each animal is accompanied throughout its journey by a valid cattle passport..

(2) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

(3) But, if the transporter is not the owner of the animals, it is a defence for him or her to prove that he or she had no reason to believe that an animal was not accompanied by a valid cattle passport

Movement on to a holding

11.—(1) When cattle are moved on to a holding, the transporter must give each animal's cattle passport to the new keeper (or, if moved through a market, he or she must give it to the market operator, who must then give it to the new keeper).

(2) The new keeper or market operator must ensure that the cattle passport is marked with—

(a) the date of movement on to the holding,

(b) the name and address of the keeper (or, in the case of a market, the operator of the market) and the holding number, using if practicable the bar code label provided by the National Assembly,

and must sign it.

[^{F7}(2A) But sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to the occupier of a slaughterhouse.]

(3) He or she must do this within 36 hours of the arrival of the animal

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Cattle Identification (Wales) Regulations 2007*. (See end of Document for details)

(4) No one may move the animal off the holding until the passport has been completed in accordance with this paragraph.

(5) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

<p>Textual Amendments</p> <p>F7 Sch. 3 para. 11(2A) inserted (1.5.2013) by The Cattle Identification (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/821), regs. 1, 7</p>

Imported cattle

12.—(1) In the case of cattle brought into Wales from outside Great Britain, the animal may be moved from the place it was brought into Wales to the holding at which it must be registered in accordance with paragraph 4 or 5 of Schedule 2 using its passport (if it has one) or its movement document.

(2) If it has a passport its keeper must complete it in accordance with this Schedule, and failure to do so is an offence.

Exports

^{F8}**13.**

<p>Textual Amendments</p> <p>F8 Sch. 3 para. 13 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/737), regs. 1(3), 2; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)</p>
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Markets and animal gatherings

14.—(1) The operator of a market or other animal gathering commits an offence if any cattle are accepted without a valid cattle passport (or, in the case of imported cattle, documentation permitting them to be moved).

(2) In this and the following paragraph “animal gathering” means an occasion at which animals are brought together for one or more of the following purposes—

- (a) a sale, show or exhibition;
- (b) onward consignment; or
- (c) inspection to confirm the animals possess specific breed characteristics.

Licences

15. An officer of the National Assembly (or, in the case of an animal at a market, animal gathering or slaughterhouse, an inspector) may at any time issue a licence for cattle to be moved without a cattle passport if he or she is satisfied that it is necessary to do so and that it is not practicable to obtain one.

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 7

Notification of movement or death

Notification of movement

1.—(1) A keeper must notify the National Assembly within three days of any movement of cattle on to or off a holding—

(a) using the National Assembly's interactive website;

[^{F9}(aa) using the Welsh Ministers automated telephony service;]

(b) using software approved by the National Assembly; or

(c) in writing, using the movement card provided by the National Assembly,

and must provide all the required information.

(2) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

Textual Amendments

F9 Sch. 4 para. 1(1)(aa) inserted (1.5.2013) by [The Cattle Identification \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/821\)](#), regs. 1, **8(a)**

Notification of death

2.—[^{F10}(1) When an animal is slaughtered at a slaughterhouse, the occupier of the slaughterhouse must notify the Welsh Ministers of the death within seven days—

(a) using the Welsh Ministers' interactive website;

(b) using the Welsh Ministers' automated telephony service;

(c) using software approved by the Welsh Ministers; or

(d) by completing the death details in the animal's passport and returning it to the Welsh Ministers,

and must return the animal's passport to the Welsh Ministers within seven days.

(2) If an animal is slaughtered outside a slaughterhouse but sent to a slaughterhouse for dressing, the keeper must complete the death details in the passport and send it with the animal to the slaughterhouse, and the occupier of the slaughterhouse must notify the death by returning the passport to the Welsh Ministers within seven days of the death of the animal.

(3) In any other case, when an animal dies or is killed the keeper must notify the Welsh Ministers of the death within seven days—

(a) using the Welsh Ministers interactive website;

(b) using the Welsh Ministers automated telephony service;

(c) using software approved by the Welsh Ministers; or

(d) by completing the death details in the animal's passport and returning it to the Welsh Ministers,

and must return the animal's passport to the Welsh Ministers within seven days.

(3A) But where an animal's passport has been taken and retained by an inspector under regulation 10(3)(d), a requirement under this paragraph to return the passport to the Welsh Ministers does not apply for so long as the passport is so retained.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Cattle Identification (Wales) Regulations 2007. (See end of Document for details)

(4) If an animal does not have a cattle passport, the keeper must notify its death to the National Assembly in writing within seven days, and include the ear tag number, the date of death and the holding on which it died.

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(6) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

Textual Amendments

F10 Sch. 4 para. 2(1)-(3A) substituted for Sch. 4 para. 2(1)-(3) (1.5.2013) by [The Cattle Identification \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/821\)](#), regs. 1, **8(b)(i)**

F11 Sch. 4 para. 2(5) omitted (1.5.2013) by virtue of [The Cattle Identification \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/821\)](#), regs. 1, **8(b)(ii)**

SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 8

Records

Making a record

1.—(1) In accordance with Article 7(1), first indent and Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 (keeping an up-to-date register) any person who fails to complete a register in accordance with this paragraph, is guilty of an offence.

(2) He or she must complete it at the following times—

- (a) in the case of the movement of an animal on or off a holding, within 36 hours of the movement;
- (b) in the case of the birth of an animal in a dairy herd, within seven days of the birth;
- (c) in the case of the birth of an animal otherwise than in a dairy herd, within 30 days of the birth;
- (d) in the case of the death of an animal, within 7 days of the death;
- (e) in the case of a replacement ear tag where the ear tag number is changed, within 36 hours of the replacement.

(3) The register must contain the information in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No. 911/2004 and, in addition, the identification of the dam (in the case of embryo transfer, the surrogate dam and, if known, genetic dam)^{M1} (in the case of an animal born before 1 April 1995 that does not have an ear tag, the identification mark must be recorded instead of the ear tag number).

Marginal Citations

M1 The required information and a suitable format is available at <http://defraweb/animalh/tracing/cattle/passport/records/records-index.htm>

Provision of information

2. Any person who fails to comply with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000. (provision of information) is guilty of an offence.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Cattle Identification (Wales) Regulations 2007. (See end of Document for details)*

Retention of records

3.—(1) For the purposes of Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000, the register must be kept for 10 years in the case of a farm and 3 years in any other case, in both cases from the end of the calendar year in which the last entry was made; and any record made under the Bovine Animals (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 1995 must be kept for the same period.

(2) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Cattle Identification (Wales) Regulations 2007.