WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (Wales) Order 2009

PART 10

Markets

Contingency planning for power and equipment failures

- **31.**—(1) Local authorities may exempt market, collection centre and slaughterhouse operators from the need to record—
 - (a) an animal's unique number on a movement document;
 - (b) an animal's unique number in a holding register; or
- (c) the numbers of animals in any batch bearing a particular flockmark or herdmark, where a contingency plan has been agreed between the local authority and the market or slaughterhouse operator.
- (2) A local authority may withdraw any such exemption if it is no longer satisfied with the operation or terms of the contingency plan.
- (3) A contingency plan agreed under paragraph (1) must set out the conditions which must be met by the market or slaughterhouse operator and the circumstances in which, provided those conditions are met, the exemptions in paragraph (1) will apply.
- (4) A market or slaughterhouse operator must seek the consent of the local authority as soon as possible on every occasion when they wish to apply the exemptions in paragraph (1) and must cease to accept animals without recording the information referred to in paragraph (1) if that consent is refused.
- (5) For the purposes of this article "collection centre" means any holding at which sheep or goats originating from different holdings are grouped together to form consignments of animals intended for export or which is used in the course of export.