STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 420

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
ANIMALS

Identification and Notification of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

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Coming into operation	*1st November 2004*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being a Department designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Identification and Notification of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st November 2004.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Cattle Identification (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

2.—(1) The Cattle Identification (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(**4**) shall be amended as provided in this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) for the definition of "the Council Regulation" there shall be substituted the following definition –

> ""the Council Regulation" means Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 820/97;".

(3) After regulation 7 there shall be inserted the following regulation –

(**1**) S.I. 2000/2812
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 1998 No. 279 as amended by S.R. 1999 No. 324

"**Transfer of ear tags**

7A. A person shall not, except with the permission of the Department –

(a) transfer an ear tag attached to an animal under Article 4.1 of the Council Regulation or under the provisions of the 1964 Order, from an animal or a carcase to any other animal

or

(b) use for identifying any animal an eartag which has at any time already been used for identifying any other animal.".

(4) In regulation 15(1) –

(a) for the words "Article 21" there shall be substituted the words "Article 22.1"; and

(b) after the word "cattle" there shall be inserted the words "to or".

(5) After regulation 17(2) there shall be added the following paragraph –

"(3) For the purposes of Article 18(6) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**5**) any offence against these Regulations shall be deemed to be an offence against that Order.".

Amendment of the Cattle Identification (Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

3.—(1) The Cattle Identification (Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(**6**) shall be amended as provided in this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) for the definition of "the Council Regulation" there shall be substituted the following definition –

""the Council Regulation" means Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 820/97;".

(3) In Regulation 3(3) for the words "Council Regulation 820/97/EC" there shall be substituted the words " the Council Regulation".

(4) After regulation 7(2) there shall be added the following paragraph –

"(3) For the purposes of Article 18(6) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 any offence against these Regulations shall be deemed to be an offence against that Order.".

Amendment of the Cattle Identification (Notification of Births, Deaths and Movements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

4.—(1) The Cattle Identification (Notification of Births, Deaths and Movements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(**7**) shall be amended as provided in this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) for the definition of "the Council Regulation" there shall be substituted the following definition –

"the Council Regulation means Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 820/97;".

(3) In regulation 5 for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

(**5**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(**6**) S.R. 1998 No. 27 as amended by S.R. 1998 No. 279 and S.R. 1999 No. 265
(**7**) S.R. 1999 No. 265