



Implementation of electronic sheep identification

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Reinforced animal traceability rules

- *An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in UK, February 2001*
- *Report from the European Parliament*
- *Report from the Court of Auditors*
 - to strengthen EU legislation on identification of animals
 - ✓ *localisation and tracing of animals for veterinary purposes (animal health aspect)*
 - ✓ *traceability of food producing animals as an essential element of ensuring food safety (public health aspect)*



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Identification and registration system for ovine/caprine animals (R 21/2004/EC)

- *Means of ID to identify each animal*
- *Up-to-date holding register*
- *Movement documents*
- *A central register or computerised database of all holdings and movements of animals at national level*



Means of ID

- *Double identifiers*

- **1 electronic identifier:**

- » **A ruminal bolus**

OR

- » **An electronic ear tag**



AND

- **1 visible identifier:**

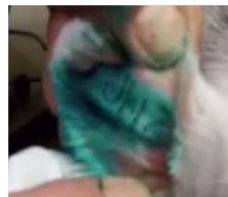
- » **A conventional ear tag**

OR

- » **A mark on the pastern**

OR

- » **A tattoo**





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Exemptions and derogations (1)

- *e-ID optional:*
 - **MS with population of less than 600 000 sheep and goats and not involved in intra-EU trade (2 conventional ear tags)**
 - AU, CZ, CY, DK, EE, FI, LV, LT, LU, MT, PL, SI, SK, SE
- *1 conventional ear tag:*
 - **Animals intended for slaughter before 12 months within the same MS**
- *No visible identifier:*
 - **Animals kept and moved between zoos**

Exemptions and derogations (2)

- *Identifier application time period:*
 - **As from the birth within 6 months (or before leaving the holding)**
 - **MS option to extend to 9 months for extensive or free-range farming conditions**
 - UK, EE, EL, IE, IT, PT
- *For national movements the individual ID recording*
 - **Recording done by the destination holding (market place) on behalf of the keeper**

Notification requirements for the keeper of animal

- *Information related to the keeper of the animals or the holding*
 - **Within 30 days**
- *Information related to the movements of animals*
 - **Within 7 days**

MS results on controls on animals identification (2010-2012)

- *EU average on holdings with non-compliances tendency to decrease*

Animal identification-result of controls in Member states	Holdings with non-compliances (ovine-caprine)-EU average
2010	5.6 %
2011	1.67 %
2012	1.7 %



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MS results on controls on animals identification (2010-2012)

- *EU average on holdings with penalties tendency to decrease*

Animal identification-result of controls in Member states	Holdings with sanctions (ovine-caprine)-EU average
2010	0.0243 %
2011	0.0039 %
2012	0.0054 %



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MS response to questionnaire on the current system (2015)

- *MS find the current system:*
 - **effective**
 - **sufficiently helpful and enough of a deterrent as to prevent non-compliances**
 - **ensure a continued trend for reduction of non-compliances and penalties in the future**
 - **is fulfilling its objectives**
- *60 % of MS have preference for keeping the current system*
- *Additionally, FVO audits from 2009 to 2014 concluded that the MS systems observed were fit for the purpose of traceability.*

New Animal Health Law

- *Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases (Animal Health Law)* **adopted** by the European Parliament and the Council: **9 March 2016***
- *Official Journal **publication**: **31 March 2016***
- *Regulation **in force**: **21 April 2016***
- *It will **apply** as of: **21 April 2021** (in 5 years)*
 - *Animal ID and registration rules as of **21 April 2024**, if needed*
- *Delegated and implementing acts*
 - **To be developed by the Commission to complement the framework law**
 - **Commission to adopt "key" DA and IA 24 months before the date of application of the Regulation**

Priority order of DA and IA

- *Preliminary priority order, focussing on "key" acts:*
 - 1. Disease listing and categorisation, list of species, including related assessments**
 - 2. Intra-EU movements for terrestrial animals and products and their entry into the EU**
 - Chapter for Traceability requirements for kept terrestrial animals and germinal products
 - 3. Aquatic animal health, including disease control, Intra-EU movements and entry into the Union**
 - 4. Disease prevention and control rules, incl. disease notification, reporting, surveillance, eradication**
 - 5. Non-commercial movements of pet animals and other rules (for later stages)**



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New Animal Health Law

- *Traceability requirements for kept ovine/caprine animals*
 - **Law reinforces the obligatory elements of the current system:**



Individual ID



Holding register

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE
Sheep and Goat Movement Document Contact Tel: 0131 344 4383
Sheep & Goat (Identification & Traceability) (Scotland) Regulations 2009

1. DEPARTURE LOCATION - KEEPER ACTION
DEPARTURE CPH _____ Date of Departure Home Farming
DEPARTURE CPH _____ Date of Departure Otherwise
BLOCK (ORMS) (S) _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____
DEPARTURE ADDRESS _____
SIGNED ADDRESS OF KEEPER (if different from above): _____

Number of Animals	Sheep or Goats	Other (e.g. ewe, ram)	Individual Number (if unique across units)
Total			

DEPARTURE CPH _____
DEPARTURE ADDRESS _____
I declare that the above details are correct. Phone Number _____
Keeper's Signature _____ Pencil Name _____

2. DESTINING LOCATION - KEEPER ACTION
ARRIVAL (S) (S) _____ NUMBER REGISTERED _____
I declare that the above details are correct / as amended (date as appropriate).
Keeper's Signature _____ Pencil Name _____

3. TRAILAGE DETAILS
NAME OF DRIVER _____ VEHICLE REGISTRATION _____
HIRE OR COMPANY _____ PERMIT NUMBER _____
Date of Loading _____ Date of Departure _____ Date of Unloading _____
Time First Vehicle Unloaded _____ Time Last Vehicle Unloaded _____
Transportation of meat requiring handling of animals was necessary: No.

Movement document



Central computerised database

- **Information on animal traceability**

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/identification/index_en.htm

- **Information on AHL and the process:**

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index_en.htm

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