

List of Species of Farm Animals which are Subject to Marking, Method and Procedure for Marking and Registration of Such Animals and Procedure for Issue of Registration Certificates¹

Regulation No.31 of the Minister of Agriculture of 27 March 2000

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(RTL² 2000, 43, 614),

entered into force 12 June 2000,

amended by the following Regulation:

27.03.2001 entered into force 07.04.2001 - RTL 2001, 43, 598.

The Regulation is established pursuant to subsection 11 (2) of the Infectious Animal Disease Control Act (RT³ I 1999, 57, 598; 97, 861).

§ 1. General Provisions

(1) Farm animals are identified by way of marking and shall be registered in the register of farm animals (hereinafter register).

(27.03.2001 entered into force 07.04.2001)

(2) The authorised processor of the register (hereinafter processor) is the Agricultural Registers and Information Board.

(27.03.2001 entered into force 07.04.2001)

(3) The farm animals listed in section 2 are subject to marking.

§ 2. Species of farm animals subject to marking

The species of farm animals subject to marking are the following:

1) goats;

2) sheep;

3) pigs;

4) bovine animals.

§ 3. Marking of farm animals

(1) The method for marking farm animals is marking the animals with eartags or tattoos.

(2) Upon the marking a goat, sheep, pig or bovine animal, an eartag bearing a non-recurrent registration number which remains the same throughout the lifetime of the animal (hereinafter registry number) is applied to the animal.

(3) Farm animals are marked by the owners of the animals or persons authorised by the owners.

(4) The Animal Recording Centre shall allocate eartags and applicators necessary for the marking of goats, sheep, pigs and bovine animals for a charge.

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(5) Marking shall be removed or replaced only with the permission of the processor.

(6) Farm animals (except pigs) shall be marked within twenty days after the date of birth of the animal.

(7) If a marking is lost or becomes illegible, the owner of the animal is required to fill out the corresponding form set out in Annex 2 and send the form to the processor within one working day.

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(8) If a marking is lost or becomes illegible, the owner of the animal shall mark the farm animal with a new eartag within seven working days after the date when the mark is allocated by the Animal Recording Centre.

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(9) Owners of animals shall keep records concerning the farm animals which belong to them. The records shall state the following information concerning each animal in a herd: registry number, date of birth, gender and breed of the animal, date on which it was moved to or removed from the herd, date of death of the animal and the names, addresses and personal identification codes or registry codes of the seller and buyer.

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(10) An event involving a farm animal means the marking, buying, selling, export or transfer in any other manner of the animal without charge or for a charge, the loss of the animal, slaughter of the animal for the owner's own use, and the death of the animal.

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§ 4. Marking of goats

(1) The eartag of a goat is red and is made of plastic and shall bear the ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" and the animal's registry number consisting of ten figures.

(2) The eartag of a goat shall consist of two identical parts. On the eartag, the logo of the Animal Recording Centre and the ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" are printed in the first row, the first five numbers of the registry code consisting of ten figures are printed in the second row and the following five numbers are printed in the third row.

(3) The eartag shall be attached to the right ear of a goat by using applicators intended for such purposes.

(4) If the marking of a goat is lost or becomes illegible, the Animal Recording Centre shall allocate a new eartag bearing the former registry number of the goat to the owner of the animal within twenty working days after the date of receipt of the notice specified in subsection 3 (7).

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§ 5. Marking of sheep

(1) The eartag of a sheep is yellow and is made of plastic and shall bear the ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" and the animal's registry number consisting of ten figures.

(2) The eartag of a sheep shall consist of two identical parts. On the eartag, the logo of the Animal Recording Centre and the ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" are printed in the first row, the first five numbers of the registry code consisting of ten figures are printed in the second row and the following five numbers are printed in the third row.

(3) The eartag shall be attached to the right ear of a sheep by using applicators intended for such purposes.

(4) If the marking of a sheep is lost or becomes illegible, the Animal Recording Centre issues a new eartag bearing the former registry number of the sheep to the owner of the animal within twenty working days after the date of receipt of the notice specified in subsection 3 (7).

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§ 6. Marking of pigs

(1) Pigs are marked both individually and as a herd.

(2) In the case of individual marking, a sow or boar shall be marked when moved to the breeding herd by attaching an eartag bearing the registry code of the animal to the left ear of the animal. Breeding herd means the sows and boars which are kept to breed piglets.

(3) The registry number of a pig in the breeding herd consists of the identification number of the herd where the pig was born, the individual number of the pig designated by the owner of the animal, and the two last numbers of the year of birth of the animal.

(4) In the case of marking as a herd, a herd identification number allocated by the processor shall be used.

(5) A pig herd means a group of pigs kept in a common building or structure or outside of buildings and structures in a common territory. A herd may also consist of one pig.

(6) The marking of a fattening pig with an eartag bearing a registry number is not mandatory.

(7) Pigs taken to the slaughterhouse are marked with the herd identification number which is imprinted in the area of the haunch by using a needle hammer directly before loading on a means of transport.

(8) Pigs which are moved to another herd shall be marked with an eartag or a tattoo. The marking shall include the identification number of the herd where the pig was before it was moved to another herd. The left ear of a pig shall be used for marking pigs by eartag or tattoo.

(9) The eartag of a pig is made of plastic and shall be attached to the ear by using applicators intended for such purposes.

§ 7. Marking of bovine animals

(1) The eartag of a bovine animal is yellow and is made of plastic. The eartag shall bear the ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" and the registry number of the animal consisting of ten figures. The eartag shall also bear a bar code carrying the information which is printed on the eartag.

(2) Information on the first part of the eartag is printed in four rows: the logo of the Animal Recording Centre and the ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" are printed in the first row, the first five numbers of the registry code consisting of ten figures are printed in the second row, the bar code is printed on the third row and the following five numbers are printed in the fourth row.

Example:

1st row: logo, EE

3rd row: bar code

2nd row: 00012

4th row: 34567;

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(3) Information on the other part of the eartag is printed in two rows: the first five numbers of the registry code consisting of ten figures are printed in the first row and the following five numbers are printed in the second row.

(4) A bovine animal is marked by attaching ear tags bearing identical registry numbers to both ears of the animal.

(5) If the marking of a bovine animal is lost or becomes illegible, the Animal Recording Centre shall allocate a new ear tag bearing the former registry number of the bovine animal to the owner of the animal within twenty working days after the date of receipt of the notice specified in subsection 3 (7).

§ 8. Marking and registration of imported farm animals

(1) The registry number of the exporting state of a farm animal imported from a member state of the European Union shall be retained and the imported animal shall be entered in the Estonian register under such number (except for sheep and goats).

(2) A farm animal imported from outside of the European Union and which has passed a prophylactic quarantine shall be marked within twenty working days and entered in the register of farm animals where the registry number of the exporting state under which the animal was imported is correspondingly connected to the Estonian registry number.

(3) Imported farm animals need not be marked if the animals are taken to a slaughterhouse, which is subject to state veterinary supervision, to be slaughtered within twenty days after the date of importing.

§ 9. Procedure for registration of farm animals

(1) The owner of an animal or a person authorised by the owner shall fill out the form set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation concerning the marking or moving of an animal from the herd and shall submit the form for registration to the processor within seven working days after the date on which the event involving the animal occurred.

(2) In case a farm animal is sent to a slaughterhouse, the person organising the slaughter shall forward a copy of the animal health certificate accompanying the animal to the processor within seven working days after the date of the slaughter of the animal.

(3) In case farm animals, except fattening pigs, are transferred, without charge or for a charge, the new owner of an animal or a person authorised by the new owner shall fill out the form set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation and submit the form to the processor within seven working days after the date of transfer of the farm animal, or indicate the information concerning the new owner on the form which the former owner of the animal fills out concerning moving the animal from herd.

(4) The processor registers or makes a notation in the register concerning an animal being moved from a herd within twenty working days after the submission of the information specified in subsections (1) to (3) of this section.

(5) Only the processor has the right to allocate, change or delete registry numbers of farm animals.

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§ 10. Procedure for issue of registration certificates of farm animals

(1) The processor shall issue a registration certificate concerning the entry of the animal in the register on the basis of a written application by the owner of a farm animal.

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(2) A registration certificate shall set out the following information:

1) the name and address of the owner of the animal;

2) the commercial register or non-profit associations and foundations register code, or personal identification code of the owner of the animal;

3) number of farm animals entered in the register and their registry numbers.

(3) A registration certificate shall be signed by an authorised representative of the processor and authenticated by the stamp of the processor.

(4) A registration certificate shall be prepared on a corresponding blank document form of the processor and is issued within five working days after the date of receipt of the application.

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§ 11. Supervision of marking and registration of farm animals

(1) Supervision of the marking and registration of farm animals shall be exercised by the Veterinary and Food Board.

(2) Supervisory officials have the right to inspect the registration records kept by the owner of an animal concerning a farm animal within three years after the farm animal is moved from the herd.

§ 12. Implementing provisions

(1) Regulation No. 27 of the Minister of Agriculture of 21 August 1995 "Organisation of Marking of Bovine Animals" (RTL 1995, 58, p. 1988) is repealed, except for the provisions concerning the marking of bull calves which shall be in force until 1 June 2000.

(2) Sheep, goats and pigs which have been marked and registered before the entry into force of this Regulation need not be re-marked or re-registered.

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(2¹) If the eartag of a bovine animal which was applied before the entry into force of this Regulation is lost or becomes illegible, the Animal Recording Centre shall, within twenty working days after the date of receipt of the notice specified in subsection 3 (7), issue to the owner of the animal a new eartag bearing the former registry number of the bovine animal and the ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" to be attached to both ears of the bovine animal.

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(2²) Bovine animals which have been marked and registered before the entry into force of this Regulation shall, as of 1 November 2002, be re-marked and re-registered pursuant to the procedure provided for in this Regulation.

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(3) Sheep may be marked with eartags bearing the embossed ISO code denoting Estonia "EST" and the registry number of the sheep consisting of ten figures until stocks run out.

(3¹) Sheep and goats may be marked with eartags made of aluminium bearing the embossed ISO code denoting Estonia "EE" and the registry number of the animal consisting of ten figures until stocks of such eartags run out.

(27.03.2001 entered into force 07.04.2001)

(4) This Regulation enters in force at the date of foundation of the register of farm animals.

¹ The requirements of the Regulations 3508/92/EEC (OJ L 355, 05.12.92, p. 1), 820/97/EEC (OJ L 117, 07.05.97, p. 1), 2629/97EEC (OJ L 354, 30.12.97, p. 19), and Directive 92/102/EEC (OJ L 355, 05.12.92, p. 32) of the European Community have been taken into account in this Regulation.

² RTL = *Riigi Teatja Lisa* = *Appendix to the State Gazette*

³ RT = *Riigi Teataja* = *State Gazette*

Annex 1

to Regulation No. 21 of the Minister of Agriculture of 27 March 2001 "Amendment of Regulation No. 31 of the Minister of Agriculture of 27 March 2000 "List of Species of Farm Animals which are Subject to Marking, Method and Procedure for Marking and Registration of Such Animals and Procedure for Issue of Registration Certificate".

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Register of farm animals

Species of farm animal: bovine animal __, sheep __, goat __, pig __, horse __														
Event: marking __, buying __, slaughter for own use __, death __, sale __, sale to meat processing plant __, sale to a foreign country __, loss __														
Date on which the event occurred:									0					
	Registry number of farm animal	Inventory or index number	Breed	Gender (M, F)	Time of birth (day, month, year)							Registry number of mother	Registry number of father	
				Information concerning owner of animal				Information concerning new owner of animal (in case of transfer of farm animal)						

Name of owner of animal		
Personal identification or registry code		
The name and personal identification or registry code of the person authorised by the owner of the animal		
Date of filling out the form		
Signature		

Annex 2

to Regulation No. 21 of the Minister of Agriculture of 27 March 2001 "Amendment of Regulation No. 31 of the Minister of Agriculture of 27 March 2000 List of Species of Farm Animals which are Subject to Marking, Method and Procedure for Marking and Registration of Such Animals and Procedure for Issue of Registration Certificate".

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Register of farm animals

Loss or becoming illegible of marking

Species of farm animal		
Sequence number	Registry number of farm animal	Number
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
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7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		
	Data	
Name of owner of animal		
Personal identification or registry code of the owner of the animal		
The name and personal identification or registry code of the person authorised by the owner of the animal		
Date of filling out the form		
Signature		