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The Identification of Bovine Animals and Bovine Record Books Order 2003

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1 January 2004

THE STATES AGRICULTURAL AND COUNTRYSIDE BOARD, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 27(1) - (3) of the Animal Health Ordinance, 1996 (a), as amended (b), hereby orders :-

Identification of Bovine Animals

- 1 All bovine animals:
 - i) in the Islands on 1 January 2004;
 - ii) born in the Islands after 31 December 2003;
 - iii) imported into the Islands after 31 December 2003; or
 - iv) exported from the Islands after 31 December 2003,shall be identified in accordance with Section 2).
- 2 Bovine animals specified in Section 1) shall be identified by means of:
 - i) a readable eartag attached to each ear and such eartags shall be provided by the Board and shall take such form as it may direct; and
 - ii) a bovine passport which shall be issued by the Board and shall take such form as it may direct.
- 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2(i), any bovine animal in the Islands on 1 January 2004 that was identified in accordance with the provisions of the Identification of Animals Order, 1996 (c), by means of a readable eartag and an electronic eartag shall continue to be identified by such means save that any electronic eartag that is lost, damaged or destroyed shall be replaced with a readable eartag.
- 4 Readable and electronic eartags shall bear or be encoded with:
 - i) a code consisting of letters and numbers identifying an animal as originating in the Islands;
 - ii) a number not exceeding 5 digits identifying the holding from which an animal originates;

- iii) a check number not exceeding 3 digits; and
 - iv) a unique number not exceeding 10 digits identifying individual bovine animals.
- 5 In the event:
- i) that any of the information specified in a bovine passport requires amendment, such a passport shall immediately be returned to the Board which shall record such amendments in the passport and reissue it to the owner or keeper of the relevant bovine animal; or
 - ii) of the death of a bovine animal due to any cause, the relevant bovine passport shall be surrendered to a knackerman or slaughterman at the time of the slaughter or euthanasia of a bovine animal or at the time that such a person collects a carcass from a holding for disposal.
- 6 All bovine animals born live in the Islands after 31 December 2003 shall be identified by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 either:
- i) before the animal leaves the holding of origin: or
 - ii) not later than 21 days after the birth of the animal.
- 7 All bovine animals imported into the Islands after 31 December 2003 shall be identified by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 within 7 days of the date of importation of such an animal.
- 8 In accordance with the provisions of Section 28(1) of the Animal Health Ordinance, 1996, as amended, the owner or keeper of a bovine animal shall notify the Board of:
- i) the acquisition of a bovine animal within 7 days of such acquisition;
 - ii) the live birth of an animal within 7 days of such birth;
 - iii) the importation of an animal not less than 48 hours prior to importation; and
 - iv) the loss or destruction of an eartag specified in Section 2 or 3 within 24 hours of the discovery of such loss or destruction.
- 9 For the purpose of this Order the following definitions shall apply:
- “keeper” means a person who is not the owner of a bovine animal but who has day to day charge of that animal.
- “authorised person” means a person authorised in writing by the Board to perform the functions of an authorised person under the provisions of the Animal Health Ordinance, 1996, as amended.
- 10 The Identification of Bovine Animals Order, 1996 (c) is hereby revoked.
- 11 The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948 (d) applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an enactment.

12 The Order may be cited as The Identification of Bovine Animals and Bovine Record Books Order, 2003

13 This Order shall come into force on 1 January 2004

Dated the 15th day of December 2003.



P.J. Roffey
President.

States Agricultural and Countryside Board.
For and on behalf of the Board.

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- (a) No XI of 1996
 - (b) No of 2003
 - (c) No.21 of 1996
 - (d) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p.355.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This Order sets out the methods approved by the Agriculture and Countryside Board by which all bovine animals must be identified and introduces requirements relating to bovine passports which are intended to enable the Board to trace the movements of cattle.