

Order on technical requirements and approval of means of identification for cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses, deer, camels, ferrets and psittacidae¹

Pursuant to Sections 4(2), 6(1), 66a(1) and (2), 67 and 70(3) of the Act on the keeping of animals, cf. Consolidation Act No 62 of 19 January 2024, the following is determined on the basis of an authorisation pursuant to Section 7, No 1, of Order No 1721 of 30 November 2020 on the tasks and powers of the Veterinary and Food Administration:

Chapter 1 *Scope and definitions*

§ 1. This Order supplements:

- 1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law').
- 2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 of 28 June 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for establishments keeping terrestrial animals and hatcheries, and the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs.
- 3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 of 24 March 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals.
- 4) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/963 of 10 June 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429, (EU) 2016/1012 and (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the identification and registration of equine animals and establishing model identification documents for those animals.

Section 2. The definitions in the Regulations referred to in Section 1 shall apply in this Order.

Paragraph 2. In addition, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Order:

- 1) Conventional ear tag: Means of identification referred to in point (a) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 which has a U-shape and is attached around the edge of an ear.
- 2) CHR: Central Husbandry Register.
- 3) CHR number: A unique registration number a company is assigned in the CHR.
- 4) Replacement means of identification: A means of identification used instead of the original means of identification that has been lost or destroyed.
- 5) Horse: Animal of the equine species or equine animal as defined in Article 2, No 24, of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035.
- 6) Deer: Cervid animal as defined in Article 2, No 32, of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035.
- 7) ICAR: International Committee on Animal Recording.
- 8) Means of identification: Means listed in Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035.

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- 9) Import: Movement of animals to Denmark from another EU Member State or imports from a third country.
- 10) Camel: Camelid animal as defined in Article 2, No 31, of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035.
- 11) Supplier: A manufacturer or distributor of a means of identification:
- 12) Reserve ear tag: A replacement ear tag of the shape of a household façade on which the operator of a business enters an animal's identification code or a company's CHR number.

Chapter 2

Approval of means of identification

Section 3. Means of identification used to meet the identification requirements referred to in the Regulations listed in Section 1 and in the Order on registration in the CHR and on the identification of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses, deer or camels, and which are used for the identification of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses, deer, camels, ferrets or psittacidae, shall be approved by the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, without prejudice to paragraph 2.

Paragraph 2. The means of identification listed in points (g) and (h) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall not be approved by the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration when used for the identification of psittacidae.

Paragraph 3. An application for authorisation of a means of identification must be submitted by the supplier via the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration's website: fvst.dk.

Chapter 3

Requirements for means of identification for cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses, deer, camels, ferrets and psittacidae

Technical specifications for conventional ear tags and pastern bands

Section 4. A supplier of a means of identification listed in points (a) and (b) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall ensure that the means of identification complies with the technical specifications referred to in Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520.

Paragraph 2. A supplier of a means of identification listed in points (a) and (b) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall ensure that the means of identification is certified by ICAR or submitted to ICAR for subsequent certification, without prejudice to paragraph 3.

Paragraph 3. As an alternative to the ICAR certification, cf. paragraph 2, the means of identification may be authorised by the competent authority of another EU Member State.

Colour specifications for conventional ear tags and pastern bands

Section 5. A supplier of a means of identification referred to in Section 4(1) shall ensure that the colour of the means of identification is yellow, without prejudice to paragraphs 3 and 4. The yellow colour shall be RAL 1016, sulphur yellow, or similar.

Paragraph 2. The colour of the means of identification referred to in point (a) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 used for the identification of cattle, pigs, sheep, horses or deer imported into Denmark shall be red. The red colour should be RAL 3018, strawberry red, or similar.

Paragraph 3. The means of identification referred to in point (a) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 and used for the identification of sheep, goats, deer or camels may be of a colour other than yellow, but not red or white.

Paragraph 4. The means of identification referred to in point (b) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 and used for the identification of sheep or goats may be of a colour other than yellow, but not red or white.

Paragraph 5. A supplier of a means of identification referred to in Section 4(1) shall ensure that the colour of the means of identification does not change throughout the time it is inserted into the animal.

Specifications for the marking of conventional ear tags and pastern bands

Section 6. A supplier of a means of identification referred to in Section 4(1) shall ensure that the means of identification is marked with the indications referred to in point (a) or (b) of Part 1 of paragraph 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 on both sides, together with:

- 1) A logo, cf. Annex 1.
- 2) The country code for Denmark in the form of 'DK'.
- 3) A Roman numeral indicating the current version in the case of a replacement means of identification containing the animal's identification code, without prejudice to paragraphs 2 to 4.

Paragraph 2. A reserve ear tag can be marked with only a logo and country code on both sides.

Paragraph 3. In cases where sheep and goats are identified by two of the means of identification listed in point (a) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, one means of identification can be marked only with a logo on one side.

Paragraph 4. The means of identification listed in point (b) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 and a conventional ear tag can be marked only with the information referred to in paragraph 1 on one side.

Paragraph 5. A supplier of a replacement means of identification shall ensure that a replacement means of identification that is meant to replace a lost foreign means of identification listed in point (a) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall be marked with the following information on both sides:

- 1) A logo, cf. Annex 1.
- 2) Roman numerals to indicate the current version.
- 3) The foreign country code indicated as an alpha-2 code.
- 4) The animal's foreign identification code.

Paragraph 6. A supplier of a replacement means of identification shall ensure that a replacement means of identification that is meant to replace a lost foreign means of identification listed in point (b) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall be marked with the following information:

- 1) A logo, cf. Annex 1.
- 2) Roman numerals to indicate the current version.
- 3) The foreign country code indicated as an alpha-2 code.
- 4) The animal's foreign identification code.

Paragraph 7. A means of identification referred to in Section 4(1) can, in addition to the information referred to in paragraph 1, be marked with additional information, when this additional information does not impair the readability of the information referred to in paragraph 1.

Technical specifications for electronic identifiers

Section 7. A supplier of a means of identification listed in points (c–f) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall ensure that the means of identification complies with the technical specifications referred to in Part 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Paragraph 2. The means of identification referred to in paragraph 1 shall comply with the configuration requirements set out in Annex 2, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Paragraph 3. The means of identification listed in points (c) and (f) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall, in addition to the requirements set out in paragraph 1, comply with the requirements referred to in Sections 4(1), 5 and 6(1), (5) and (6).

Paragraph 4. The means of identification listed in point (c) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 may be authorised for the identification of pigs where the electronic content is based on UHF technology and the means of identification is printed on the CHR number of the establishment in which the animal was born or the establishment from which the animal exits the supply chain.

Paragraph 5. The means of identification listed in point (e) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 and used for the identification of ferrets or psittacidae shall comply only with the technical specifications referred to in Part 2 of paragraph 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520.

Requirements for tattoos

Section 8. A supplier of a means of identification, listed in point (g) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, shall ensure that the means of identification ensures the indelible display and correct reading of the animal's identification code throughout the lifetime of the animal.

Section 9. The operator of a pig slaughterhouse shall ensure that the means of identification listed in point (g) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, for the identification of a pig, provides indelible marking throughout the lifetime of the animal and that the marking is clearly legible after slaughter.

Chapter 4

Requirements for means of identification for horses

Section 10. A supplier of a means of identification, listed in point (e) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, shall ensure that the means of identification complies with the technical specifications referred to in Part 1 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/963.

Paragraph 2. The means of identification referred to in paragraph 1 shall comply with the configuration requirements set out in Annex 2.

Chapter 5

Supplier obligations and registration in the CHR

Section 11. A supplier of means of identification shall register in the CHR the following information under the establishment of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, deer or camels to which the means of identification must be provided before being supplied to the operator of the establishment:

- 1) The company's CHR number.

- 2) Number of means of identification.
- 3) Date of order.
- 4) The species to which the means of identification relate.
- 5) Name of the supplier.
- 6) Indication of the type of means of identification.
- 7) Indication of whether these are replacement means of identification.
- 8) The identification code if the means of identification contain this information. Where the means of identification contain consecutive identification codes, it shall be sufficient to register the first and last numbers in the row of identification codes.
- 9) Colour, as regards the means of identification listed in points (a) to (c) and (f) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035.

Paragraph 2. Before supplying to the operator of an establishment a means of identification listed in point (g) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, an operator of a slaughterhouse shall register in the CHR the following information with the establishment to which the means of identification is provided:

- 1) The company's CHR number.
- 2) Date of delivery.
- 3) The number appearing on the means of identification.

Paragraph 3. The registration in paragraph 1 shall be done electronically using established update services at SEGES Innovation P/S, Agro Food Park 15, Skejby, 8200 Aarhus N.

Paragraph 4. The registration in paragraph 2 shall be done through the Veterinary and Food Administration's Zoonosis Register.

Paragraph 5. A supplier of means of identification shall ensure that the registration in the CHR, cf. paragraph 1, is consistent with the means of identification provided.

Paragraph 6. An operator of a slaughterhouse shall ensure that the registration in the CHR, cf. paragraph 2, is consistent with the means of identification provided.

Section 12. A supplier of a means of identification shall, when supplying the means of identification listed in points (a) to (c) and (f) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, which is not red or white, ensure that at least one of the means of identification with the same identification code or CHR number is yellow, cf. Section 5(1).

Chapter 6

Administrative provisions

Section 13. The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration may revoke the authorisation of a means of identification that does not comply with the requirements in force at any time.

Section 14. Costs incurred pursuant to this Order are alien to the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration.

Chapter 7

Penalties and entry into force

Section 15. A fine will be imposed on anyone who

- 1) infringes Sections 4(1) and (2), 5(1), (2), and (5), 6(1), (5) and (6), § 7(1–4) and 8–12; or
- 2) provides means of identification, cf. Section 3(1), which is not approved by the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration.

Paragraph 2. The penalty may be increased to up to two years' imprisonment if an infringement by act or omission is committed intentionally or with gross negligence, and the infringement:

- 1) caused harm to human or animal health or the risk of this, or
- 2) resulted in or was intended to result in financial gains for the perpetrator or others, including through savings.

Paragraph 3. Companies etc. (legal persons) may be rendered criminally liable in accordance with the provisions in Part 5 of the Danish Criminal Code.

Section 16. This Order shall enter into force on 1 July 2024.

Paragraph 2. Order No 303 of 27 March 2015 on technical requirements and approval etc. for ear tags, electronic ear tags and chips for cattle, pigs, sheep and goats is repealed.

Logo, cf. Section 6



Requirements for the configuration of means of identification, cf. Sections 7 and 10

Point 1. The means of identification listed in points (c) to (f) of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 shall be configured as follows:

- 1) Bit 1: 1.
- 2) Bits 2-4: Version number (1 digit).
- 3) Bits 5-9: 00.
- 4) Bits 10-15: 00.
- 5) Bit 16: 0.
- 6) Bits 17-26: 0208.
- 7) Bits 27-64: Identification code (12 digits) or CHR number (5 or 6 digits).

Point 2. The identification code referred to in point 1, No 7, shall be as follows:

- 1) For cattle, sheep and goats: 0 + 11 numeric characters, of which the first 6 (possibly 5 plus a leading 0) indicate the CHR number of the establishment where the animal was born and the last 5 is a serial number.
- 2) For horses: 12 numeric characters.
- 3) For deer and camels:
 - i. 0 + 11 numeric characters, of which the first 6 (possibly 5 plus a leading 0) indicate the CHR number of the establishment where the animal was born and the last 5 is a serial number; or
 - ii. 12 numeric characters.

Point 3. The CHR number, cf. point 1, No 7, shall be as follows:

- 1) For pigs: 6 numeric characters (possibly 5 plus a leading 0) indicating the CHR number of the establishment where the animal was born or the CHR number of the establishment where the animal exits the supply chain.