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National Arrangements for Cattle Identification and Traceability

From the 1st January 2013:

- Any property moving a bovine animal for slaughter or to another property must be **approved** by the Department of Agriculture.

From the 1st January 2014:

- **ALL** properties holding cattle must be approved.

To be approved the keeper of the property holding cattle must:

- Be officially listed by the DOA and be issued with a 2 or 3 lettered farm code (Annex 2).
- Use tags specified by the Department of Agriculture for cattle identification (annex 3).
- Double tag all calves born with approved tags bearing a 2 or 3 lettered farm code and a unique 4 digit number. The tag numbers must be identical in each ear.
- Double tag any untagged adults with approved tags bearing a 2 or 3 lettered farm code and a unique 4 digit number. The tag numbers must be identical in each ear.
- Ensure that any adults already bearing tags are uniquely identified with a number in each ear and the farm code.
- Ensure that all bovine cattle keep the same identification number throughout their lives.
- Have tag orders verified by the DOA (annex 4).
- If an animal should lose a tag a replacement bearing the same code and number as the one lost should be sought from the DOA within 2 weeks of the animal losing its tag (annex 5).
- The DOA will provide this tag within 2 weeks of receiving the application and the tag must be replaced into the animal within 4 weeks of its receipt.
- Have **all** cattle on the farm registered with the DOA.
- Register all adult cattle with the DOA within 1 month of tagging or before they leave the farm whichever comes first.
- Tag and register calves by the age of 5 months or before they leave the farm whichever comes first.
- Keep accurate farm registers that list:
 - all cattle on the property and their identifications
 - the dates of all cattle and other animals movements on and off the property
 - the dates of calves born on the property

- the dates of on farm deaths and slaughter
- any treatments that cattle have been subjected to and the date of treatment
- Inform the DOA of any on farm deaths or slaughter within 1 month of the event taking place.
- Complete an Animal Movement Certificate for any bovine animal moving off the property

When a farm is designated as 'approved' the need for registration docketts for animals on that farm will become obsolete.

The DOA will perform regular audits on each approved property to ensure these arrangements are followed.

Transitional Arrangements

From 1st August 2011 until 1st January 2013 the following transitional arrangements will apply:

- Any property may move bovine animals to another property providing the animals are registered with the DOA, double tagged with a number in each ear and are identified to the property of origin by a lettered code and an Animal Movement Certificate is completed for the movement.
- Any property may send animals to slaughter outside of a recognised EU export season providing the animals are individually numbered and identified to the farm of origin. This may be by means of tags or paint branding. An Animal Movement Certificate must be completed for the movement.
- During a recognised EU export season only approved properties may send bovine animals for slaughter as per the arrangements above.

