



Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

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Better Training for Safer Food is an initiative of the European Commission aimed at organising an EU training strategy in the areas of food law, feed law, animal health and animal welfare rules, as well as plant health rules.

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Union rules on the identification, registration and traceability of animals

Module 1.1 Legal Base

Principles of legislation (regulations,
directives) on the identification,
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- is a binding legislative act. It is applicable in its entirety across the EU

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- is a legislative act that sets out general rules to be transferred into national law by each MS as they deem appropriate

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Identification

The basic objectives for EU rules on the identification of animals are:

- The localisation and tracing of animals for veterinary purposes, which is of crucial importance for the **control of infectious diseases**
- Where applicable, the traceability of meat for animal and public health reasons and the management and supervision of livestock premiums

There are a number of additional benefits to animal identification and traceability. To know more, **watch the video**.



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Bovine Animals

In April 1997 - in response to the BSE crisis - the Council of the European Union implemented a system of permanent identification of individual bovine animals enabling reliable **traceability from birth to death**.

The basic objectives for Community rules on the identification of bovine animals are:

- the localisation and tracing of animals for veterinary purposes, which is of crucial importance for the control of infectious diseases
- the **traceability of beef** for public health reasons
- the management and supervision of livestock premiums as part of the common organisation of the market in **beef and veal**

The system for the identification and registration of individual bovine animals includes the following elements:

- double eartags for each animal with an individual number
- maintaining a register on each holding (farm, market, etc.)
- bovine-passports
- a computerised database at national level with a future voluntary interoperability of bovine databases

To enhance food safety and better safeguard animal health in the EU **as from 18 July 2019** the bovine animals will be allowed to be identified using two means of the identifications: **conventional ear tag** and **an electronic identifier**. Member State and operators may choose the electronic identifier amongst e.g. an electronic ear tag, a ruminal bolus or an injectable transponder.

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In April 1997 - in response to the BSE crisis - the Council of the European Union

Legislation

Basic Regulation: [Regulation \(EC\) 1760/2000](#)

Detailed rules on eartags, holding registers, passports: [Regulation \(EC\) 911/2004](#)

Control measures: [Regulation \(EC\) 1082/2003](#)

Sanctions: [Regulation \(EC\) 494/98](#)

Derogations and specific measures

Bulls intended for cultural and sporting events: [Regulation \(EC\) 2680/99](#)

Summer grazing in mountain areas: [Commission Decision 2001/672/EC](#)

Extension of the tagging period of certain animals kept under extensive conditions: [Commission Decision 2006/28/EC](#)

Special rules concerning extension of the tagging period of bison: [Regulation \(EC\) 509/1999](#)



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(OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p.1)

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►M3	REGULATION (EU) No 653/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 May 2014	L 189	33	27.6.2014

The last change of Regulation (EC) 1760/2000 amended by Regulation (EC) 653/2014 introduces:

- Requirement for fully operational database disappeared - Commission deems EU Member States databases for bovine as fully operational, so there is no need for further recognition from the COM' side.
- With a fully operational national database:
 - reduction of administrative burden and of related costs
 - no need of passports for national movements
 - the holding register may be generated from a central record
 - reduction of rate of on-the-spots checks from 10% to 5 %, (3%)
- Bovine identification - new rules for Article 4(1) – introduction of electronic identification for bovine animals


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Key elements of a bovine IRT system

- holdings (places where animals kept, held, handled) and keepers (person who has the responsibility for day-to-day care animals, ex.: farmers, people who run livestock markets, dealers) registered centrally
- animals individually identified
- births, movements, deaths reported centrally
- animal passports (obligatory only for EU trade now)
- computerised database
- registers kept on each holding

Summary of bovine legislation

act	number	content	other inf
Regulation	1760/2000	IRT system / bovine animals / labelling of beef and beef products/holding register/means of identification	
Regulation	911/2004	rules for the implementation Regulation 1760/2000/design of eartags	
Regulation	509/1999	special rules / tagging period of bisons	Derogation
Regulation	2680/99	special measures for bulls / cultural and sporting events	Derogation
Regulation	644/2005	bovine for cultural and historical purposes	Derogation
Directive	64/432/EEC	computerised national database for bovine / registration of holdings/intra-Union trade	
Decision	2001/672/EC	special rules / bovine / summer grazing	Derogation
Decision	2004/764/EC	extention of the max. period / application eartags / Netherlands / natural reserves	Derogation



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Porcine animals

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



Key elements of a porcine IRT system

- up-to-date list of all the holdings (any place in which animals are held, kept or handled) specifying the keepers of the animals
- ear tags and tattoos with holding number (batch identification)
- movements reported centrally (from their holding of birth/from all other holdings)
- a register of pigs' holdings at central national level
- maintaining a register on each holding

Summary of porcine legislation

act	number	content
Directive	64/432/EEC	computerised national database for porcine animals / registration of holdings/ intra-Union trade
Directive	2008/71/EC	system IRT for pigs / tattoo eartags / trade doc / holding register for pigs
Decision	2000/678/EC	computerised national data base for pigs / information recorded on each pig group
Decision	2006/80/EC	derogation for one single pig for own use

Ovine and Caprine Animals

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

models of eartags, holding registers:

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Key elements of an ovine/caprine IRT system

- holdings (with the geographical coordinates) and keepers
- animals individually identified (batch derogation for < 1 year)
- movements reported centrally (births/deaths not reported)
- results of the inventory
- movement document for groups
- central register
- registers kept on each holding (since 31 December 2009: in the holding of birth - the year of birth and date of identification; the month and the year of death of the animal on the holding)

Summary of ovine/caprine legislation

act	number	content
Regulation	21/2004	system for identification and registration of ovine and caprine / registration of holdings / means of identification / deadlines for identification, for notification of birth and movements
Directive	91/68	intra-Union trade in ovine and caprine animals
Decision	2006/968	implementing regulation 21/2004 / guidelines and procedures for the approval of identifiers and readers for the electronic identification of ovine and caprine animals



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