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## The Cattle Passports Order 1996

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Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

United Kingdom

**3. Department Responsible**



Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate.

**3. Originating Department**

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Animal Health (Disease Control) Division

**4. Notification Number**

96/0241/UK

**5. Title**

The Cattle Passports Order 1996

**6. Products Concerned**

The regulation will introduce in Great Britain a system of compulsory cattle passports for all cattle born, or imported, on or after 1 July 1996. The passport will provide a record of the animal's identity and location throughout its life.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

All cattle born or imported on or after 1 July 1996 must have a cattle passport. Cattle keepers must make a written application for passports to the Agriculture Departments. The passport will move with the animal. It will be illegal for such cattle to be moved onto or off a holding without a completed valid passport. Movements through markets must be recorded by the market operator on the passport.

Cattle born (or imported) on or after 1 July 1996 and slaughtered without a properly completed passport (other than cattle imported directly for slaughter) will not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

Special arrangements will apply to calves under 28 days which will be allowed to move under a calf passport, before a full passport has to be obtained.

Replacement passports may be issued only when Agriculture Ministers are satisfied that the movements of the animal since birth can be accurately reconstructed.

Passports have to be surrendered when an animal is presented for slaughter (or disposal through knacker yards, etc.), or when an export certificate is issued. They have then to be returned to the Agriculture Departments.

Central computer records will be kept registering the animal's ear tag number, date of birth, death/export, sex, breed, identity of dam and holding of birth.



## **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

At the request of Community bodies, the United Kingdom presented a plan to the Commission on 3 June 1996 laying down supplementary measures to control and eradicate BSE in the United Kingdom. One of the principal elements of the plan is for an improved system of individual identification of bovine animals to ensure effective control of movements and traceability of animals (animal passport system). Commission Decision (VI/6024/96 Rev 5 EN to be published in the Official Journal 26 June 1996), approves the plan as amended on 19 June and requires the UK to bring into force by 1 August 1996 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to implement the plan. Having the passport system in place is one of the pre-conditions to be met for the staged lifting of the export ban.

## **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

i. Draft Cattle Passports Order 1996

Scheme literature (England and Wales, parallel literature will apply in Scotland):

- CPP 1 Cattle Passport
- CPP 2 Application for Cattle Passports
- CPP 3 Application for Cattle Passports for animals imported from outside the European Union
- CPP 4 Application for calves moving under 28 days of age
- CPP 5 Guidance Notes

ii. Not applicable

iii. Not applicable

## **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

Yes

## **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

As required by the measures adopted by the Community concerning BSE, the UK needs to put in place quickly an improved system of individual identification of bovine animals as part of the measures to ensure effective control of movement and traceability of animals (the animal passport system).

## **13. Confidentiality**

None

## **14. Fiscal measures**

Not applicable



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