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ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION MARK

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CATTLE:



SMALL STOCK/PIGS:

OSTRICHES:

IT IS NOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE OR BUY THE MARKING EQUIPMENT AND TO MARK YOUR ANIMALS AS PRESCRIBED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS CERTIFICATE.

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**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

It is hereby certified, by the Registrar of animal Identification, that an identification mark with the pattern and combination as shown below has been registered for the use on large stock, small stock, pigs or ostriches in the name of the above mentioned juristic person, company, closed corporation, trust or partnership.

**LARGE STOCK**

The Identification mark on large stock can be used in four different ways.



**SMALL STOCK/PIGS**



**OSTRICHES**



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### SIZES OF IDENTIFICATION MARKS (Regulation 9)

- (1) **Large stock** The size of a character by means of (a) **tattooing** must not be more than 20mm at the widest and the highest part, (b) **branding** must be between 40mm and 100mm at the widest and the highest part.
- (2) **Small stock** **tattooing** must not be more than 20mm at the widest and the highest part.
- (3) **Ostriches** The size of a character by means of (a) **tattooing** must not be more than 20mm at the widest and the highest part, (b) **branding** must be between 25mm and 25mm at the widest and the highest part.

##### SHAPE, PATTERN AND COMPOSITION (Regulation 10)

- (1) **Large stock**
  - (a) An identification mark in the case of large stock must consist of **one to three** characters.
  - (b) In the case of **tattooing** the characters of an identification mark consisting of more than one character must be **tattooed from left to right next to, and 6mm from each other.**
  - (c) In the case of **branding** the identification mark must be **branded**
    - (i) **next to and 20mm from each other**
    - (ii) **below and 20mm from each other**
    - (iii) **triangular pattern** in which the first character forms the apex and the other two characters, applied next to and 20mm from each other, and 20mm below the first character, form the base or
    - (iv) **triangular pattern** in which the first character forms the bottom and the other two characters, applied next to and 20mm from each other, and 20mm above the first character, form the top edge.
- (2) **Small stock**

An identification mark in the case of small stock must consist of **one to three** characters and the characters must be **tattooed next to, from left to right and 6mm from each other.**
- (3) **Ostriches** An identification mark in the case of ostriches must consist of **one to two** characters and the characters must be
  - (a) **branded next to and 6mm from each other**
  - (b) **branded below and 6mm from each other or**
  - (c) **tattooed next to and 6mm from each other.**

##### AGE OF LIVESTOCK AT THE TIME OF MARKING (Regulation 11)

- (a) **Cattle**
  - (i) **Must be marked** by the age of **six months**
  - (ii) **can be tattooed** from the age of **one month** or
  - (iii) **can be branded** at the age of **six months** and
  - (iv) **must be branded** by the **age of the first pair of permanent incisors (two-tooth stage).**
- (b) **Small stock** must be **tattooed** at the age of **one month.**
- (c) **Pigs** must be **tattooed** at the age of **one month.**
- (d) **Ostriches** (i) **can be tattooed** at the age of **one month** and (ii) **can be branded** at the age of **six months.**
- (e) **Equine** (i) **can be tattooed** at the age of **six months** and (ii) **can be branded** by the age of **twelve months.**

##### PARTS ON WHICH ANIMALS MUST BE IDENTIFIED (Regulation 12)

- (1) **Cattle**
  - (a) **tattoo mark** the mark must be applied in the **left or right ear** and
  - (b) **brand mark** the mark must be applied on any clearly visible part, with the exception of the neck.
- (2) **Small stock** the mark must be **tattooed** in the **left or right ear.**
- (3) **Pigs** the mark must be **tattooed** in the **left or right ear.**
- (4) **Ostriches**
  - (a) **ostriches under the age of six months**, the **tattoo** mark must be applied under the left or right wing
  - (b) **ostriches over the age of six months**, the **brand** mark must be applied on the left or right outer thigh.
- (5) **Equine**
  - (a) the mark must be tattooed on the upper jaw, lower lip, left or right ear
  - (b) the mark must be branded on any clearly visible part, with the exception of the neck.

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