

Statutory Instrument 35 of 2003.

[CAP. 19:01

Animal Health (Livestock Identification) (Cattle) Regulations,
2003

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement has, in terms of section 5 of the Animal Health Act [*Chapter 19:01*], made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Animal Health (Livestock Identification) (Cattle) Regulations, 2003.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“brand” means a letter not less than 75 mm in height and burnt into skin;

“cattle” means a bull, cow, ox, heifer, steer or calf;

“dairy cattle” means cattle of a recognised dairy breed;

“Director” means Director of Veterinary Services;

“holding” means a place or area or farm where cattle are normally kept;

“keeper” means the person/s responsible for looking after the cattle;

“numeral brand” means a number or numbers marked near a brand;

“owner” means the person/s to whom the cattle belong;

“pedigree cattle” means cattle registered in terms of the Registration of Pedigree Livestock Act [*Chapter 19:11*];

“province” means a province in terms of the Provincial Councils and Administration Act [*Chapter 29:11*] immediately before the date of commencement of this notice;

“zone” means a Buffer Zone or Surveillance Zone, established by the director in terms of paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 20 of the Act and demarcated on a map which is available for the purpose of public inspection, free of charge, at the head office of the Department of Veterinary Services during normal working hours.

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Prescribed areas

3. The following areas shall be prescribed for the purposes of these regulations—

- (a) the area consisting of Mashonaland Central Province;
- (b) the area consisting of Mashonaland East Province other than Chikomba District;
- (c) the area consisting of Chikomba District;
- (d) the area consisting of the northern part of Mashonaland West Province;
- (e) the area consisting of the southern part of Mashonaland West Province;
- (f) the area consisting of Manicaland Province other than Makoni District;
- (g) the area consisting of Makoni Province;
- (h) the area consisting of Midlands Province other than Gokwe North District; Gokwe South District, Mberengwa District and Zvishavane district;
- (i) the area consisting of Gokwe North and South districts;
- (j) the area consisting of Mberengwa District;
- (k) the area consisting of Zvishavane District;
- (l) the area consisting of Masvingo Province other than Gutu District;
- (m) the area consisting of Gutu District;
- (n) the area consisting of provinces of Matabeleland North and Matabeleland South other than Insiza District;
- (o) the area consisting of Insiza District;

Cattle identification

4. Subject to section 9, every owner or keeper of cattle kept on holding on or before they attained the age of six months of age, shall identify them with a brand specified in the second column of the Schedule which is appropriate to the prescribed area or zone where the holding is situated on which the owner or keeper has his cattle.

5. (1) Cattle shall be identified to their farm or dip-tank of origin by either—

- (a) brand approved and registered by the Director of Veterinary Services and applied within 180 days of the cattle having been born; or
- (b) ear tags approved and prescribed by the Director of Veterinary Services and which shall be applied to the left ear of the cattle within 20 days of the cattle having been born; or
- (c) both (a) and (b).

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5, cattle that are intended to be slaughtered at abattoirs approved for export to the European Union shall be identified only by ear tags, applied within 20 days of birth, so that they can be traceable from their holding of birth to the abattoir of slaughter in compliance with the Zimbabwe Cattle Traceability Scheme as authorised by the director.

7. (1) Subject to section 9 an authorised person may order any owner or keeper of cattle which is six months of age or more to produce such cattle at a place and within such period as he may specify for the purpose of identifying them with a brand specified in the second column of the schedule which is appropriate to the prescribed area or zone where such owner or keeper keeps his cattle.

(2) Where an owner of cattle has been given an order in terms of section (1) he shall produce the cattle concerned at the place and within the period specified in the order and shall permit them to be branded by the authorised person.

8. An authorised person may do anything necessary to ensure that the provisions of this section are complied with.

Location of brand or ear tag

9. (1) Cattle which are required to be branded in terms of section 4 or 5 shall be branded on the left neck area, or if that area is already branded, on the left shoulder area.

(2) Cattle which are identified by ear tags in terms of section 5 shall be tagged on the left ear.

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(3) Cattle which are identified by ear tags in terms of section 6 shall be tagged on both the left and right ears with tags approved by the director.

Certain cattle excepted

10. The provisions of sections 5 and 6 shall not apply to the pedigree cattle and dairy cattle outside the zone which is a vaccinated zone if the cattle are marked with an ear tag, clearly indicating the prescribed area zone where they are kept, or brand registered in terms of the Brands Act [Chapter 19:03].

Numerical branding

11. (1) No cattle required to be branded in terms of section 4 shall be moved from one prescribed area or zone to another prescribed area or zone unless they are branded by an authorised person indicating a three-month period approved by the director in which such movement took place.

(2) No cattle branded in terms of section (1) shall again be moved from one prescribed area or zone to another prescribed area or zone within the three-month period in which they were last branded unless an authorised person—

- (a) approves such movements subject to the cattle being marked with an additional numeral brand; or
- (b) approves such a movement without the necessity of an additional numeral brand.

(3) The form of the numeral brand or additional numeral brand required in terms of this section shall be approved by the director and notified to an authorised person for use by such person.

(4) The director may, by publishing in a newspaper or magazine generally circulating in any prescribed area, declare that the movement of cattle between specified prescribed areas shall be exempted from the provisions of this section.

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SCHEDULE (Section 4)

BRANDING CODES

<i>Prescribed areas or zone</i>	<i>Appropriate brand</i>
Mashonaland Central Province	C
Mashonaland East Province (other than Chikomba District)	H
Chikomba District	JJ
Mashonaland West Province (Northern)	L
Mashonaland West Province (Southern)	HL
Manicaland Province (other than Makoni)	U
Makoni District	UM
Midlands Province (other than Gokwe North and South districts, Mberengwa and Zvishavane districts)	J
Gokwe North and South districts	J (upright) J (inverted)
Mberengwa District	JC
Zvishavane District	Z
Masvingo Province (other than Gutu and Masvingo Veterinary districts)	F
Gutu District	T
Masvingo Veterinary District	T (inverted)
Matabeleland North and South provinces and Umzingwane Veterinary District	Y (upright) Y (inverted)
Gwanda	Y (inverted)
West Nicholson Veterinary District	Y (inverted)
Matobo District	K
Bulilimangwe South Veterinary District	K
Clear Zones of Bubi and Umguza districts	E
Insiza District	Y
Area which is a Buffer Zone	V
Area which is a Surveillance Zone	The appropriate brand of the province or district within which the zone is located shall be marked upside down.

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Repeals

12. The following regulations are repealed—

1. Animal Health (Branding of Cattle) Regulations, 1985, published in Statutory Instrument 230 of 1985.
2. Animal Health (Branding of Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations, 1985 (No. 1), published in Statutory Instrument 261 of 1985.
3. Animal Health (Branding of Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations, 1987 (No. 2), published in Statutory Instrument 31 of 1987.
4. Animal Health (Branding of Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations, 1993 (No. 5), published in Statutory Instrument 282 of 1993.
5. Animal Health (Branding of Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations, 1997 (No. 6), published in Statutory Instrument 91 of 1997.
6. Animal Health (Branding of Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 (No. 7), published in Statutory Instrument 301 of 1998 and republished in Statutory Instrument 337 of 1998.
7. Animal Health (Branding of Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations, 1999 (No. 8), published in Statutory Instrument 401 of 1999.