Animal identification

Stakeholders' Dialogue on Improving Veterinary Services to Facilitate Trade

Tajikistan on 13-14 December 2022

Prof. Kazimieras Lukauskas

Registration and marking of animals involves

- Ministry of Agriculture
- State Food and Veterinary service (SFVS)
- State enterprise Agricultural Information and Rural Business Centre
- Suppliers of ear tags, microchips, tagging and scanning equipment
- Providers of animal marking and accounting services
- Animal holders
- Animal slaughterhouses

Ministry of Agriculture

- Legislation
- Coordinates the implementation of marking and registration of farm animals
- Approves the supplier of badges and equipment

State Food and Veterinary service

- Coordinates and controls the registration and marking of farm animals
- Provides reports to the European Commission on the registration and identification of farm animals
- According to the information provided by the holders, enters the data of the holding places and the farm animals into the central database of the Register of Farm Animals (hereinafter - CDB)
- Records the numbers of lost ear tags in to the CDB
- Controls the compliance with requirements for marking and registration of farm animals in the holding areas
- Advises holders, service providers on the registration; organizes their training on marking, registration and accounting of animals, informs the public about marking and registration of animals
- Issues a document confirming the completion of training, granting the right to mark the relevant farm animals, suspends and/or revokes its validity
- Accepts requests to input the data directly to CDB and forwards these requests to State enterprise Agricultural Information and Rural Business Centre

State enterprise Agricultural Information and Rural Business Centre

- Ensures the functioning of the Centra Database (CDB)
- Processes, records, systematizes, analyzes data
- Advises animal holders and service providers in matters of registration of the holding places, labelling and accounting of farm animals kept there
- Issues cattle and horse passports

Suppliers

- Perform marking, registration of farm animals and/or transfers data to the territorial department of the State Food and Veterinary Service
- Ensures the ordering and use of means of marking and registration of farm animals according to the purpose

Animal holders

- Not later than within 7 calendar days, register data in the CDB or notify the territorial departments of the State Food and Veterinary service; those who have a permit - tag their farm animals or contact the service provider
- No later than within 3 calendar days from the date of loss of the ear tag, order a new tag, identical to the lost one, or contact the service provider or the territorial department of the State Food and Veterinary service

Animal slaughterhouses

Must register:

- data on each brought individually registered farm animal, by matching the accompanying documents, as well as the data recorded during the initial inspection with the data in the CDB (holder, marking number, species of animal, age, sex, date of arrival). It is forbidden to take farm animals out of the slaughterhouse;
- data on each slaughtered farm animal or herd of farm animals, by filling the appropriate forms and/or by entering directly into the program prepared by State enterprise Agricultural Information and Rural Business Centre no later than 3 calendar days after the farm animal slaughter
- A slaughterhouse importing farm animals from other countries must notify the territorial department of the State Food and Veterinary service.

Implementation of cattle identification system

PURCHASING EAR TAGS

- Animal ear tags can be ordered by the holder himself or by contacting the territorial SFVS or a service provider
- In the case of lost animal ear tags, the holder can order a new one by himself or by contacting the territorial SFVS or a service provider. New badges are sent to the address provided by the holder.

NOTIFICATION OF ANIMAL MOVEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CONDITION

- The animal holder must report animal incidents within 7 days
- Report if the animal: died, was slaughtered forcibly or for one's own needs, was taken away, brought in (newly purchased), the owner changed, a new-born is born
- A form is filled and entered in the CDB or delivered to the territorial SFVS or to the service provider.

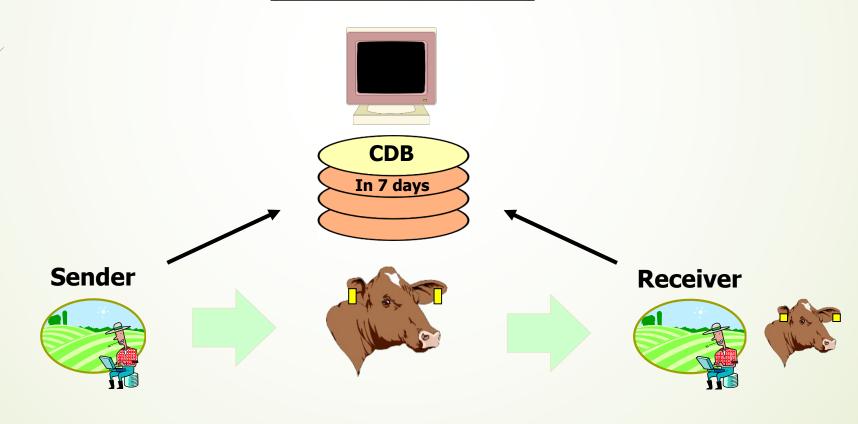
ACCOUNTING OF LIVESTOCK KEPT ON THE FARM

- Farm livestock accounting is carried out by registering livestock in the Livestock Accounting Journal (LAJ);
- For each herd of animals (cattle, sheep, goats), separate journals are filled out.

Implementation of cattle identification system

Registration of cattle movements

(dual message system)



State veterinary control of marking and registration of cattle

Minimum level of control

- At least 3% of holdings per year (tags, livestock records, passports) (where the Member State has an adequate well-functioning database as provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000
- Selection of animal housing sites for control, based on the analysis of risk factors
- Annual report to the European Commission