


# IDENTITY DOCUMENTS FOR EQUINES



*Equine identification is an essential tool in the control  
and prevention of disease*



Equines include horses, donkeys, ponies & zebras. Legislation currently in force, the European Communities (Equine Stud-book and Competition) Regulations 2004 (SI 399/2004) & the European Communities (Equine Stud-book and Competition) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 530/2007), prohibits movement, trade or the participation of equines in shows, races, competitions, sales, marts, etc., and also the slaughter of equines without appropriate identity documents (passports).

**All equines must have identity documents (passports) and these must accompany them whenever they are moved.** Contact details for organizations approved by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to issue identity documents for equines are available on the Departments website [www.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie). Authorised officers from the Department will be conducting spot checks to ensure compliance with this legislation contravention of which is an offence.



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