

**GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA**

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 84 OF 2020

**The Animal Identification Act  
(Act No. 28 of 2010)**

**The Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020**

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IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section 22 of the Animal Identification Act, 2010, the following Regulations are made:

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| 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020.  | Title                                      |
| 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—  | Interpretation                             |
| “certificate” means a certificate of registration of the identification mark issued under these Regulations;   | Cap. 1                                     |
| “eartag” means an approved tag bearing a mark placed on the ear of an animal;  |  |
| “batch number” means a farm registration number used as an identification mark for a group of animals that cannot be physically identified individually;   |  |
| “brand mark” means the impression of a letter, sign or character branded on a cattle, or donkey or any other animal;   |  |
| “holder of a certificate” means a person to whom a certificate has been issued under these Regulations;  |  |
| “local authority” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Constitution;   |  |
| “owner” means an individual or establishment to which an animal legally belongs;   |  |
| “unique number” means a number that accompanies the herd brand mark for the purpose of achieving individual animal identification;   |  |
| “special animal identification mark” means an identification mark customised by an owner and approved by Registrar; and  |  |
| “tattoo” means a mark or figure fixed on the body part of an animal by insertion of pigment under the skin resulting in a permanent mark on an animal for the purpose of identifying an animal.  |  |
| 3. (1) An owner shall apply to the Registrar for the registration of an animal identification mark in Form I set out in the First Schedule on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule. | Application for animal identification mark |
| (2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by—  |  |
| (a) a clearance from Zambia Police Service and local authority or traditional authority in the area in which the animal is kept; and   |  |

	(b) details of the animal in Form II set out in the First Schedule.
	(3) An application under subregulation (1) shall be submitted at the veterinary office in the district where an animal is kept.
Recommendation by veterinary officer	4. A veterinary officer in the district where an application is submitted shall, where the applicant meets the requirements under these Regulations, recommend to the Registrar the approval or rejection of an application.
Request for additional information	5. The Registrar may request an applicant, in writing, to submit additional information relating to an application under regulation 3.
Rejection of application	6. (1) The Registrar shall reject an application if the applicant (a) fails to meet the requirements under these Regulations, the Act or any other written law; or (b) submits false information. (2) The Registrar shall, where the Registrar rejects an application under subregulation (1), inform the applicant, in writing, of the decision stating the reason thereof.
Issue of certificate	7. (1) The Registrar shall, where the application meets the requirements under these Regulations— (a) allocate an identification mark to the applicant; and (b) issue the applicant with a certificate in Form III set out in the First Schedule. (2) A certificate issued under subregulation (1) is valid for five years.
Amendment of certificate	8. (1) A holder of a certificate shall apply to the Registrar to amend the certificate in Form IV set out in the First Schedule on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule. (2) The Registrar shall, where an application under subregulation (1) is approved, issue an amended certificate to the applicant for the remainder of the validity period of the original certificate.
Application for duplicate certificate	9. A holder of a certificate shall, where a certificate is lost, damaged or defaced, apply to the Registrar for a duplicate certificate in Form V set out in the First Schedule on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule.
Suspension of certificate	10. (1) The Registrar shall suspend a certificate of registration if the holder of a certificate— (a) contravenes the Act, these Regulations or any other relevant written law; or

(b) obtained the certificate by fraud or submitted false information.

(2) The Registrar shall, before suspending the certificate in accordance with subregulation (1), notify the holder of a certificate of the Registrar's intention to suspend the certificate in Form VI set out in the First Schedule and shall—

(a) give reasons for the intended suspension; and

(b) require the holder of a certificate to show cause, within a period of not more than thirty days, why the certificate should not be suspended.

(3) The Registrar shall not suspend the certificate under this regulation if the holder of the certificate takes remedial measures to the satisfaction of the Registrar within the period specified under subregulation (2).

(4) The Registrar shall, in making a final determination on the suspension of a certificate, consider the submissions made by the holder of a certificate under subregulation (2).

(5) The Registrar shall suspend the certificate in Form VII set out in the First Schedule if the holder of the certificate fails to show cause why the certificate should not be suspended or does not take remedial measures, to the satisfaction of the Registrar, within the period specified in the notice under subregulation (2).

(6) Where a certificate is suspended under subregulation (5), an animal identification mark applied on an animal before the suspension of the certificate shall remain valid.

11. (1) The Registrar shall revoke the certificate if the holder of the certificate—

Revocation  
of certificate

(a) contravenes the Act, these Regulations or any other relevant written law;

(b) fails to take corrective measures following the suspension of the certificate within the specified period;

(c) obtained the certificate by fraud or submitted false information; or

(d) voluntarily surrenders the certificate to the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar shall, before revoking a certificate in accordance with subregulation (1) (a), (b) and (c), notify the holder of a certificate of its intention to revoke the certificate in Form VI set out in the First Schedule and shall—

(a) give reasons for the intended revocation; and

(b) require the holder of a certificate to show cause, within a period of not more than thirty days, why the certificate should not be revoked.

(3) The Registrar shall not revoke a certificate under this regulation if the holder of the certificate takes remedial measures to the satisfaction of the Registrar within the period under subregulation (2).

(4) The Registrar shall, in making a final determination on the revocation of a certificate, consider the submissions made by the holder of a certificate under subregulation (2).

(5) The Registrar shall revoke the certificate in Form VII set out in the First Schedule if the holder of the certificate fails to show cause or does not take remedial measures, to the satisfaction of the Registrar, within the time specified in the notice under subregulation (2).

(6) A holder of a certificate shall, where the certificate is revoked, immediately cease to use the animal identification mark and surrender the certificate and the identification mark to the Registrar.

(7) Where a certificate is revoked under subregulation (5), an animal identification mark applied on an animal before the revocation of the certificate shall remain valid.

Renewal of  
certificate

12. (1) A holder of a certificate shall apply to the Registrar, at least ninety days before the expiry date of the certificate, for renewal of a certificate in Form I set out in the First Schedule on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) The Registrar shall renew a certificate if the holder of the certificate has complied with the terms and conditions of the certificate.

(3) The Registrar shall, where the Registrar refuses to renew a certificate, notify the applicant in writing.

Animal  
owners that  
qualify to  
hold more  
than one  
certificate

13. The Registrar shall issue more than one certificate to an owner of animals that are located in different districts in respect of those animals in each district.

Obligations  
of owner

14. An owner of an animal shall—

(a) use a registered animal identification mark issued by the Registrar;

(b) mark an animal with an identification mark approved by the Registrar within six months of birth of an animal; and

(c) apply a unique number on the animal.

15. An animal identification mark shall comprise a symbol, number or alphabetical letter or any combination thereof in a pattern designed by the Registrar.

Composition of animal identification mark

16. The approved animal identification marks are—

Approved animal identification mark

- (a) brand mark for cattle, horse and donkey;
- (b) tattoo mark for cattle, goat, sheep, pig and donkey;
- (c) eartag mark for cattle, goat, sheep, pig and donkey;
- (d) microchip mark for any animal in addition to a visible animal identification mark;
- (e) collar mark for a dog and cat;
- (f) batch number for bees, poultry, fish and wildlife; and
- (g) special animal identification mark for cattle, goat, sheep, pig, horse and donkey.

17. (1) An animal identification mark shall be placed on an animal on either the right or left shoulder or outer thigh of the animal.

Position of animal identification mark

(2) An ear tag shall be placed on both ears of an animal.

(3) A tattoo shall be applied on the surface of an ear or any part of the body of a pig.

(4) Where an identification mark cannot be physically placed on a type of animal, a batch code assigned to the farm or establishment or any other identification mark assigned by the Registrar shall be used on that type of animal.

18. (1) An owner shall notify a veterinary office within one month of an animal—

Notification of births, deaths and other movements of animals

(a) being added to the establishment or farm;

(b) being born; or

(c) having died or left the establishment or farm.

(2) An animal that has relocated from one district to another shall maintain and use the same animal identification mark, except that the owner shall submit to a veterinary officer the details of that animal in Form II set out in the First Schedule.

19. An animal shall not, without the authority of the Registrar, have more than one animal identification mark.

Animal bearing more than one animal identification mark

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- Transfer of animal identification mark
20. (1) A person who intends to transfer ownership of an animal identification mark shall apply to the Registrar in Form I set out in the First Schedule on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule.
- (2) The Registrar shall, within ninety days of receipt of an application under subregulation (2), notify the applicant, in writing, of the Registrar's decision.
- Transfer of ownership of animal
21. (1) An owner who intends to transfer ownership of an animal shall apply to the Registrar in Form VIII set out in the First Schedule on payment of the fee set out in the Second Schedule.
- (2) The new owner of an animal shall, where an animal is transferred, notify the Registrar, in writing, within thirty days of the transfer of ownership of an animal.
- Fees
22. The fees set out in the Second Schedule are payable for the matters specified therein.
- Transitional provisions
23. (1) An owner shall not, six months after the coming into operation of these Regulations—
- (a) present an animal for slaughter, sale, exchange or any other purpose without that animal having an identification mark; or
  - (b) move an animal from, a veterinary camp to another district or from one province to another without that animal having an identification mark.
- (2) An animal bearing more than one identification mark before the coming into operation of these Regulations shall continue to have more than one identification mark as if the identification marks were issued under these Regulations.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

(Regulations 3,7,8,9,10,11, 12, 18,20 and 21)



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Form I  
(Regulation 3(1),12(1) and 20(1))**The Animal Identification Act, 2010**  
(Act No. 28 of 2010)**The Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020**

<b>APPLICATION FOR ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION MARK REGISTRATION</b>			
FIRST TIME [ ] RENEWAL [ ] TRANSFER [ ]			
(Tick whichever is applicable)			
<b>SECTION A: APPLICANTS PARTICULARS</b>			
1.	Names		6. Province:
	Surname		7. District:
	Other names		8. Village/Address (Physical/Postal):
2.	Sex:		
3.	NRC:		
4.	Phone number:		
5.	Email:		
<b>SECTION B: OWNER /ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS</b>			
1.	Names		6. Province:
	Surname/Establishment		7. District:
	Other Names		8. Village/Address (Physical/Postal):
2.	Sex (Owner/Contact person):		9.
3.	NRC/ID:		
4.	Phone number (Owner/Contact person):		
5.	Email(Owner/Contact person):		

<b>SECTION C: FARM INFORMATION</b>					
1.	Farm Name			7.	Province
2.	Chiefdom			8.	District
3.	Headman			9.	Constituency
4.	GPS Coordinates			10.	Ward
	Latitude	Longitude		11.	Veterinary Camp
5.	Village/Address (Physical/Postal)			12.	Crush-pen/Dip-tank/Livestock Service Centre
6.	Transhumance Area(s) (Alternative Grazing Area)  Area(s):  Length of Stay:  2 <sup>ND</sup> or 3 <sup>RD</sup> farm in different camp:			13.	Farm/ Establishment Number  2 <sup>ND</sup> or 3 <sup>RD</sup> farm/Establishment No.
<b>DISEASE ZONE</b> (Tick whichever is applicable)					
Applicable [ ]			Not Applicable [ ] <i>If not applicable go to section D</i>		
DISEASE	ZONE TYPE (Tick whichever is applicable)				
	Infected Zone	Buffer		Surveillance	
FMD					
CBPP					
ECF					
13.	Name of Veterinary Camp Officer:				
14.	Name of District Veterinary Officer:				
<b>SECTION D: ANIMAL INFORMATION</b>					
1.	Animal type:				
2.	Number:				
Date of Application:				Signature of applicant:	

<b>SECTION E:</b> Comments from Village Headman or Council in whose area animals reside or where Establishment is located: .....			
1.	Name Headman/ Council Official:	2.	Date:
	Name of Headman's Village/Council:		
	Signature:		
<b>SECTION F:</b> Comments from Zambia Police in whose area animals reside or where Establishment is located: .....			
1.	Name of Police Officer:	3.	Police Official Date Stamp:
	Name of Police Station:		
2.	Signature:		
<b>SECTION G: TO BE COMPLETED BY DISTRICT VETERINARY OFFICER</b>			
(Comments if any)			
1.	(a) GRZ General Receipt Number:	4.	District Veterinary Officer Official Stamp:
	(b) Bank Name and Branch:		
	(c) Bank Deposit Slip Number/Reference:		
2.	Recommended/ Not Recommended by:	5.	VCZ Number:



Form III  
(Regulation 7(1))



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Certificate No: .....

**The Animal Identification Act, 2010**  
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**The Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020**

**ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that, (Name) ..... ID  
NUMBER (NRC/PACRA No. etc.) ..... situated at physical address  
..... in ..... district of ..... Province has been issued with an animal  
identification mark this ..... day of ..... 20 ..... at ..... district in  
..... Province. The certificate is valid until ..... 20 .....  
Animal Identification Mark .....

.....  
*Registrar*

OFFICIAL STAMP



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Form IV  
(Regulation 8 (1))

**The Animal Identification Act, 2010**  
(Act No. 28 of 2010)

**The Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020**

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION MARK OWNER  
PARTICULARS**

SECTION A, B,C and D TO BE FILLED BY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION OWNER			
<b>SECTION A:</b>			
To the Registrar, Animal Identification,			
I, .....(Particulars of the owner)			
1.	Animal Owner's Names:	3.	Animal Keeper's NRC/ID NUMBER:
2.	NRC/ID Number:	4.	Farm /Establishment Number
3.	Animal Identification Mark (s)		
SECTION B: ORIGINAL PARTICULARS SUBMITTED FOR AMENDMENT			
SECTION C: NEW PARTICULARS PROPOSED TO REPLACE ORIGINAL PARTICULARS IN PART B			
SECTION D: REASONS FOR CHANGING OF PARTICULARS			
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SECTION E: Attach Sworn in Affidavit			
SECTION F: TO BE FILLED BY THE LOCAL ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE			
6.	Name of Zambia Police official	7.	Signature of Zambia Police Official
Zambia Police official Date Stamp			
SECTION G: TO BE FILLED BY DISTRICT VETERINARY OFFICIAL			
8.	Name of district veterinary official	9.	Signature of district veterinary official
District Veterinary official Date Stamp			
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Form V  
(Regulation 9)

**The Animal Identification Act, 2010**  
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**The Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020**

APPLICATION FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE (Tick whichever is applicable)			
Please complete in block letters	Shaded fields for official use only	Application No.	
		Date and Time	
<i>Information Required</i>			
<b>PART I: PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT</b>			
1.	Certificate No.:		
2.	Name (s) of applicant:		
3.	Business address (Head Office):		
4.	Certificate Holder/ Responsible person: Operations		
<b>PART II: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</b>			
5.	Submit an affidavit of loss, defaced or damaged of certificate and Police Report		
<b>PART III: DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE</b>			
I declare that the information I have stated in this application is correct and truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that making a false or misleading statement in connection with this application is an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment.			
(a) Name: .....			
(b) Designation: .....			
(c) Signature: .....			
Date: ...../...../.....(dd/mm/yyyy)			
<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>			
Date of Submission: .....			
Application No.: .....			
Payment Receipt No.: .....			
Application Complete (Proceed to issue) .....			
Application Deficient (Notify applicant on deficiencies): .....			
			OFFICIAL STAMP



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**The Animal Identification Act, 2010**  
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**The Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020**  
**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION/REVOCAION OF CERTIFICATE**

(1) Here *To:* (1).....  
insert the full names and address of the certificate holder

IN THE MATTER OF (2)..... you are notified that your certificate is intended to be suspended/revoked for a period (3)..... on the following grounds:

- (2) Here insert the certificateNo. (a) .....
- (3) Here insert the number of days stipulated (b) .....
- (c) .....
- (d) .....

You are required to surrender the certificate to the Registrar immediately.

Dated this..... day of ....., 20.....

.....  
*Registrar*

DATE  
STAMP

\*Delete as applicable



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Form VIII  
(Regulation 21(1))

**The Animal Identification Act, 2010**  
(Act No. 28 of 2010)

**The Animal Identification (General) Regulations, 2020**

**TRANSFER OF ANIMAL OWNERSHIP**

SECTION A TO BE FILLED BY OWNER			
<b>SECTION A:</b>			
To the Registrar, Animal Identification.			
I, .....(Particulars of the owner)			
1.	Animal Owner's Names:	9.	Province:
2.	NRC/ID Number:	10.	District:
3.	Animal Keeper names:	11.	Constituency:
4.	Animal Keeper's NRC/ID NUMBER:	12.	Ward (where animals reside):
5.	Address/Village: (Where animals reside)	13.	Veterinary Camp (where animals reside):
6.	Phone Number of owner/email	14.	Crush pen or Dip tank name (where animals reside):
7.	Headman's names: (where animals reside)	15.	Farm/Establishment Number
8.	Chieftdom: (where animals reside)	16.	Brand mark (s)



SECTION D: TO BE FILLED BY DISTRICT VETERINARY OFFICIAL			
17.	Name of district veterinary official	18.	Signature of district veterinary official
District Veterinary official Date Stamp			
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SECOND SCHEDULE  
(Regulation 22)

## PRESCRIBED FEES

<i>No.</i>	<i>Nature of Fees Charged</i>	<i>Fee Units</i>
1.	Application for Registration (First time)	333.34
2.	Application for Renewal of Certificate	166.67
3.	Application for a Duplicate Certificate	666.67
4.	Application for Special Identification Marks	3,333.34
5.	Application for Transfer of identification marks	666.67
6.	Application for Cancellation of certification of registration	666.67
7.	Amendment to certificate of registration	333.34

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27th October, 2020

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