

# Update from Northern Ireland

- In Northern Ireland, DAERA is continuing to take forward work on the implementation of the EU Animal Health Law (or “AHL”).
- AHL introduces key new obligations for equine operators, including the mandatory registration of equine establishments and the requirement to notify when an equine animal is moved from one registered establishment to another for a period exceeding 30 days.
- It is through the implementation of these obligations under the AHL, that competent authorities are able to establish and build a system of traceability for equines under the provisions set out in EU law.
- DAERA officials are preparing domestic legislation to provide the necessary enforcement provisions to support the obligations in the AHL.
- Operationally, work is being taking forward to develop IT and operational capability to implement the mandatory registration of equine establishments.
- Any roll-out of registration of establishments will be supported by a communications campaign to promote and raise awareness.
- In more general terms, DAERA continues to work closely with colleagues across UK Government and our colleagues in DAMF on equine identification and traceability, particularly in light of the Paddy Wall report.
- Anyone who would like to engage with DAERA on equine identification or traceability measures can contact us on [equineID.policy@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:equineID.policy@daera-ni.gov.uk)

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