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Subject: **The use of adhesive stickers in pet passports – Regulation (EC)
No 998/2003 and Commission Decision 2003/803/EC**

Dear Colleagues,

I have been made aware of the increasing use in Member States of adhesive stickers for the entry into the pet passport of the microchip number (line 1 of page 3 of the model pet passport set out in Annex I to Commission Decision 2003/803/EC of 26 November 2003 establishing a model passport for the intra-Community movements of dogs, cats and ferrets).

While the use of stickers is not specifically regulated in Decision 2003/803/EC, certain of them may be easily removed and reapplied without damage being caused to the underlying page. This may facilitate the fraudulent interchange of animal identities between pet passports.

Therefore, if the information on any of the pages of the pet passport takes the form of a sticker, I would recommend applying additional means, such as closing certain pages by a transparent adhesive laminate sealing or applying the stamp of the authorised veterinarian across the sticker, to ensure that it cannot be tampered with.

Yours faithfully,



Bernard Van Goethem