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■ Extension to other equipment

The Secretary of State can extend the legislation to other equipment used in agricultural or commercial settings.

The law is intended to make it harder for thieves to sell stolen tools and easier for police to trace them. It also helps to protect the livelihood of tradespeople.

■ Sale record keeping

Sellers of certain equipment must record details such as the buyer's name and address, the equipment's make and model, the date of sale, and the unique identifier.

■ Restrictions on sales

The government can establish rules that limit the sale of certain equipment, such as off-road vehicles and tools used in agriculture or business.