DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA)

 EXPORT OF SHEEP & GOATS FOR BREEDING OR FATTENING (NON-SLAUGHTER) DIRECT FROM PREMISES OF ORIGIN

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OWNERS

1. **KEY DOCUMENTS**

**1.1** Apply for export paperwork to your Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner (aPVP) using **TRACES EXA APPLICATION FORM**

**1.2** Complete an **Owners declaration** **OD (PO) (OV/CAP-INTRA-X)** using the notes below for guidance.

Both documents are available from the DAERA website at [www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk) or your aPVP. They may also be obtained from the local DAERA Office on request.

**2. COMPLETION OF OWNERS DECLARATION** (**EU-B&P OD AC)**

**Identification**

All the animals in the consignment for export must be identified in accordance with the legal

requirements.

**Sheep** leaving any premises in Northern Ireland must be individually identified with two matching identifiers (usually tags), one of which **must** carry an EID device.  This identification meets the requirements for export to EU member states.  Identification must comply with the requirements of The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) Order (NI) 2009.

**Goats** born or first tagged after 31st Dec 2009 for export to EU Member States including the Republic of Ireland must be individually identified with 2 matching identifiers (usually tags) one of which **must** carry an EID device.  **Goats** born or first tagged before 31st Dec 2009 for export to EU Member States including the Republic of Ireland must be individually identified with 2 matching identifiers (usually tags) one of which **may** carry an EID device. Identification must comply with the requirements of The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) Order (NI) 2009.

**Residency and Standstill in respect of the Premises of Origin**

The animals for export - for at least the 30-day period prior to the departure of the consignment, or since birth, if they are younger than 30 days of age,

1. Have been continuously resident on your premises.

In order to complete this paragraph flock keepers should refer to the following details recorded as part of their flock register/records: -

* Individual Identification number
* Date of Birth or age (if purchased)
* Dates of movement into flock

**These records (fully completed and up to date) must be available for inspection by your Vet**

1. Have not been in contact with kept ovine or caprine animals of a lower health status or subject to movement restrictions for animal health reasons;

In order to complete this paragraph, the flock/herd must not be under any form of restriction and mixing with other flocks has not occurred

1. Have not been in direct or indirect contact with kept animals that have entered the Union from a third country or territory during the 30-day period prior to the departure of the animals.

In order to complete this paragraph either animals have not been purchased from third countries during this period OR you must have a DAERA approved isolation facility to facilitate isolation of the animals.

**Note: A Third Country or territory includes GB**.

**Health Status of the Holding of Origin**

The sheep flock should be managed separately from other species on the farm to avoid the spread of disease between any different species on the farm.

The goat herd must have undergone a TB surveillance programme in line with the points below:

* + Postmortem inspection of all slaughtered goats
	+ Postmortem examination of fallen stock (goats) over 9 months of age
	+ An annual health visit has been carried out by a Vet
	+ Annual TB testing of all goats for breeding with negative results

and any goat herds acting as a source for purchased goats must have complied with these conditions also.

 The animals come from establishments where there were no abnormal mortalities with an undetermined cause. With regard to this paragraph, you should make your flock/herd records available for inspection by the certifying Vet.

# SCRAPIE REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT OF THE PREMISES OF ORIGIN – APPLICABLE TO BREEDING ANIMALS ONLY

Paragraph 4 **(a) (i) & (ii)** refers. In order to be able to export, the flock/herd of origin must be registered under the DAERA Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme (SMFS) with either a Controlled Risk status or a Negligible Risk Status or be genotyped (see below).

Paragraph 4 **(a) (iii)** refers. Veterinary checks can take the form of visits by Departmental officials or your private Vet.

Paragraph 4 **(a) (v)** refers. Cull females and fallen animals (over the age of 18 months) from the flock/herd must be submitted for TSE (Scrapie) testing, in accordance with the rules of the SMFS.

Paragraph 4**(a) (vii)** refers. The return of any animals from shows/sales other than those described could affect the status of the holding of origin. If this has occurred, the local DVO should be consulted.

Paragraph 4**(a) (viii)** refers. Where only part of your flock/herd is registered in the Scrapie Monitored Flocks Scheme, only animals kept in the monitored part of the flock/herd and recorded in your Scrapie Monitored Register are eligible for intra community trade (unless they are genotyped –see below).

Paragraph **4**(b) refers: Animals may be exported regardless of the scrapie status of the holding of birth or holding(s) of subsequent residence if they have been genotyped. The blood sample for testing must have been taken:

**a)** By a Private Veterinary Practitioner as part of the Northern Ireland Scrapie Plan (NISP);

**OR**

**b)** By a Private Veterinary Practitioner and tested at any officially approved EU laboratory with ISO17025 accreditation.

You must provide a certificate, produced under any of the above schemes, to confirm the genotype. **Please note,** any certificates produced using option **(c)** above **must** state that a Veterinarian took the blood sample and include the name and address of the Veterinarian.

**OR**

1. Confirm that the animals for export are not for breeding, but for fattening only.

 **PRE-EXPORT TESTING OF RAMS**

Blood samples must be taken from all rams within 30 days of consignment and sent to the Veterinary Sciences Division for testing using the complement fixation test for Brucella ovis. A negative result is less than 50 icftu/ml. This test is not required in the case of male goats.

**3 CANCELLATION OR CHANGES TO THE CONSIGNMENT DETAILS FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION**

If the consignment is

*  cancelled, or
*  its date/time of departure has changed significantly, or
*  a different vehicle is used, or
*  all the animals are not loaded,

The owner must notify the certifying Vet giving the relevant details so that a replacement TRACES NT ITAHC message can be sent to the destination member state.