DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA)

EXPORT OF SHEEP & GOATS FOR BREEDING OR FATTENING (NON SLAUGHTER) FROM AN

EU APPROVED ASSEMBLY CENTRE TO AN EU MEMBER STATE

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OWNERS AND ASSEMBLY

CENTRE OPERATORS

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN EAC MUST CONTAIN EITHER

* ANIMALS FOR BREEDING TO AUSTRIA DENMARK FINLAND SLOVENIA SWEDEN OR
* ANIMALS FOR BREEDING TO EU MEMBER STATES OTHER THAN AUSTRIA DENMARK FINLAND SLOVENIA SWEDEN OR
* ANIMALS FOR FATTENING TO EU MEMBER STATES OTHER THAN AUSTRIA DENMARK FINLAND SLOVENIA SWEDEN

1. **KEY DOCUMENTS**

**FOR BREEDING ANIMALS THROUGH AN EAC ACTING AS A SPECIAL SHEEP SALE**

* + An Owner’s Declaration (**EU-B&P OD AC)**,
  + a certificate of Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme (SMFS) Controlled Risk status or Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme (SMFS) Negligible Risk status or Scrapie genotyping certificate
  + a Veterinary Service support certificate (**EU-B&P**  **VSSPT PO)**
  + an APHIS generated Movement Licence **(ML)**

Must accompany sheep or goats into an EU Approved Assembly Centre acting as a special sheep sale for trade to an EU member state (including the ROI).

The Owner’s declaration can be obtained from your local DAERA Office (DVO) or the DAERA Internet site ([www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk)) and the Veterinary Service Support Certificate and Movement Licence can be applied for through **either** your local DAERA Office **or** your local aPVP.

It will be necessary to present (or fax/email) the following documents to your DAERA Office **or** local aPVP:

* Owner’s Declaration (This incorporates an application for a Veterinary Service Support Certificate and Movement Licence)
* A certificate of Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme (SMFS) Controlled Risk status or Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme (SMFS) Negligible Risk status or Scrapie genotyping Certificate (as applicable)
* Lab report of B. ovis (if applicable)

DAERA will generate one Veterinary Service Support Certificate **(VSSPT)** and one Movement Licence **(ML)** for each **“Lot”** of animals which is moving to any particular sale, provided producers list the animals on the Owner’s Declaration, in the lots in which they are to be sold. **Please note:** a minimum of 3 working days is needed in order to process the required paperwork.

**FOR FATTENING ANIMALS THROUGH A WEB ENABLED EXPORT ASSEMBLY CENTRE:**

**NB TO ACCOMMODATE FATTENING SHEEP FOR EXPORT THE EAC MUST BE WEB ENABLED**

* + an owner’s declaration (**EU-B&P OD AC)**,
  + a Veterinary Service Support Certificate (**EU-B&P**  **VSSPT PO)**
  + a self-written SG2 movement licence
  + a certificate of scrapie monitored flock scheme (SMFS) negligible risk status or scrapie genotyping certificate as applicable

Must accompany the sheep or goats into a WEB ENABLED EAC

The owner’s declaration can be obtained from your local DAERA office (DVO) or the DAERA internet site ([WWW.DAERA-NI.GOV.UK](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk))

The Veterinary Service Support Certificate must be applied for by sending a completed page 1 (only) of the Owners Declaration/Application (**EU-B&P OD AC)** to the local DVO, this application can be made by either the EAC operator or the aPVP for the EAC

**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:

* + Post Mortem inspection of all slaughtered goats
  + Post Mortem 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 Privae 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.

**3. PRE EXPORT TESTING OF RAMS FOR B.OVIS**

Blood samples must be taken from all rams for export for breeding within 30 days of consignment and sent to AFBI Stormont for testing. There are two choices here;

* The rams may be tested clear at the premises of origin before entering the EAC OR
* Any rams for export from the EAC may be tested negative there. In the case of the EAC -facilities must be available to hold tested rams in isolation until the negative result is obtained and the animals are exported

**4. TRANSPORT FROM ASSEMBLY CENTRE**

Commission Regulation 2020/688 requires that ovine and caprine animals shall not be outside their holding of origin for more than 14 days before departure for the final destination in the Member State as indicated on the Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate. **APHIS will block moves out of the EAC after 14 days from initiation i.e. when the first animal moves in.**

The Assembly Centre operator must ensure that a declaration of transport **EU B&P TD (AC)** is completed by the transporter responsible for the delivery of the animals to their final point of destination in the EU.

**5 RETENTION OF SUPPORT CERTIFICATES IN THE EAC**

Original Veterinary Service support certificates **(EU-B&P VSSPT PO) & (EU-B&P VSSPT AC)** and APHIS Generated Movement Licence **(ML) OR SG2 DOCUMENT** and Owner’s Declaration (**EU-B&P OD AC),** must accompany the animals into the Assembly Centre and should be made available to the Assembly Centre aPVP before completion of the final export health certification. Copies of the Owners Declaration, certificate of Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme (SMFS) Controlled Risk status or Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme (SMFS) Negligible Risk status or Scrapie genotyping certificates plus Veterinary Service support certificates (as applicable) and movement licences must be retained by the Assembly Centre operator for at least 3 years. The aPVP at the Assembly Centre should also retain copies for their records.

**6 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.

**7. ANIMALS UNSUITABLE FOR CERTIFICATION**

Any ANIMAL rejected by the aPVP as unsuitable for certification should be moved out of the EAC flock to another Northern Ireland flock/herd or to slaughter in Northern Ireland.