

****The attached information should be used for guidance only and does not necessarily reflect the full conditions of trade, which are subject to change at any time. Please note that all EU trade is governed by EU legislation.****

EXPORTING SHEEP FROM NORTHERN IRELAND TO GREAT BRITAIN

- Sheep must have been continually resident within Northern Ireland for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of export.
- They must also have complied with the 6-day standstill period in Northern Ireland.

Documentation required:

- Owner's Declaration - obtained from local DARD Office
- Export Health Certificate - obtained from your Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI)

EXPORTING SHEEP TO A SHOW/SALE IN GREAT BRITAIN

- Sheep must have been continually resident in Northern Ireland for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of export.
- They must also have complied with the 6-day standstill period in Northern Ireland.

Documentation required:

- Owner's Declaration - obtained from local DARD Office
- Export Health Certificate - obtained from your Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI)

NI Flock keepers exporting sheep to a Show/Sale in GB are reminded that NI sheep are classed as Maedi Visna (MV/CAE) free and must not spend any time on non-approved show premises.

EXPORTING SHEEP FROM NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

- Sheep must have been continually resident on their holding of origin for at least **30 days** immediately prior to the date of export and Rams must have been continually resident on their holding of origin for at least **60 days** immediately prior to the date of export and be blood tested (with negative result returned) for Brucella Ovis (B. Ovis) within 30 days prior to the date of export.
- Exporting flocks must be members of the Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme or individual sheep/rams must be ARR/ARR genotyped and all exporting flocks must have been free from Maedi Visna and Scrapie for 3 years prior to export.

Documentation required:

- Owner's Declaration - obtained from local DARD Office; and
- Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) & Supplementary certificate - obtained from your AVI.

Please note: If exporting sheep to the ROI from a "Show", the "Show" must be operating under full EU approved Export Assembly Centre (EAC) status, and as such all animals entering the Sale must be of the same health status and suitable for ROI trade.

EXPORTING SHEEP FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO ALL EU MEMBER STATES

(including the Republic of Ireland)

- Sheep must have been continually resident on their holding of origin for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of export and Rams must have been continually resident on their holding of origin for at least 60 days immediately prior to the date of export and be blood tested (with negative result returned) for Brucella Ovis (B. Ovis) within 30 days prior to the date of export.
- Exporting flocks must be members of a Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme or individual sheep/rams must be ARR/ARR genotyped.

- All exporting flocks must have been free from Maedi Visna and Scrapie for 3 years prior to export.

Documentation required:

- Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) - obtained from the certifying Vet.

(Please contact Defra for further guidance regarding exports from Great Britain)

IMPORTATION OF SHEEP FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO NORTHERN IRELAND

- Sheep must have been continually resident on a single holding in Great Britain for a period of 20 days prior to export (or prior to movement for sale in NI).
 - The holding of origin must have been free from Scrapie for 3 years.
 - They were not obtained from a holding on which there has been evidence of caseous lymphadenitis within the past 12 months.
 - The flock or herd of origin of the animals to be exported has fully accredited Maedi Visna/CAE free status under the Scottish Agriculture Colleges (SAC) Scheme – if this is not the case the sheep must be isolated for 6 months on arrival in Northern Ireland and will be tested prior to release from isolation (thes isolation premises must be approved by your local Divisional Veterinary Officer).

Documentation required:

- Owner's Declaration - obtained from Trade Branch, DARD, for completion by the exporter in GB;
- Export Health Certificate - obtained from the certifying Vet in GB;
- Veterinary Supplementary certificate - obtained from the certifying Vet in GB; and
- A Specific Import Licence - to be obtained from DARD prior to import.

RE-IMPORTATION OF NI SHEEP FROM GREAT BRITAIN FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT A SHOW/SALE

Unsold sheep may return back to their home farm in Northern Ireland:

Documentation required:

- A copy of the Export Health Certificate that accompanied the animals to GB from NI;
- Export Health Certificate 4162 EHC - obtained from the certifying Vet in GB; and
- A Specific Import Licence - obtained from DARD prior to import.

Flock keepers re-importing unsold sheep from a Show/Sale in GB are reminded that NI sheep are classed as Maedi Visna (MV/CAE) free and must not have spend any time on non-approved show premises.

Specific Import Licences should be obtained **prior** to import no later than 10 working days before estimated date of import. Application forms are available from the DARD website or by contacting Trade Branch: ☎ **028 90 520 931** or ☎ **028 90 524 664**.

IMPORTATION OF SHEEP FROM THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

- Sheep must have been continually resident on their holding of origin for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of export and Rams must have been continually resident on their holding of origin for at least 60 days immediately prior to the date of export and be blood tested (with negative result returned) for Brucella Ovis (B. Ovis) within 30 days prior to the date of export.
- All exporting flocks must be members of a Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme or individual sheep/rams must be ARR/ARR genotyped and all exporting flocks must have been free from Maedi Visna and Scrapie for 3 years prior to export.

Documentation required:

- Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) completed by a Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in the Republic of Ireland.