

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR TAKING SHEEP TO EXPORT SALES WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND

Sheep Society requirements

You must check the details with the individual Society well in advance of the Export Sale.

****All sheep must be individually identified at the holding of origin (in accordance with current legislation) before they enter the Sale premises.****

Status of Sale:

The Sale must operate under full EU approved Export Assembly Centre (EAC) status, and as such **all animals entering the EAC must be of the same health status.**

Residency/Standstill/Scrapie Requirements

- All female sheep must have been continually resident on their holding of origin for at least **30 days** immediately prior to movement to the Sale.
- All Rams must have remained on their Holding of origin for a continuous period of **60 days** immediately prior to movement to the Sale. Rams for export must be blood tested (with a negative result returned) for Brucella Ovis within 30 days *prior* to movement to the Sale (unless this testing facility is being offered at the EAC premises).
- No sheep or goats should be introduced onto the Holding of origin during a period of 21 days immediately prior to the date of movement to the Sale unless they are moved into a **DARD approved isolation facility.**
- **All sheep** entering the Export Sale must be either from a Scrapie monitored flock or genotype ARR/ARR.

Paperwork required for entry into the EAC:

The owner must complete an Owner's Declaration (available from the DARD website (www.dardni.gov.uk) or local DARD Office) and present the following documents to either their local DARD Office **or** Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) up to 10 days prior to the sale:

- Owner's Declaration;
- Completed application for a movement licence (including identification numbers and sex of animals to be moved to the sale); and
- a Certificate of ARR/ARR genotyping (if applicable).

This will enable the DARD Veterinary Officer or AVI to carry out the necessary APHIS and documentary checks. Provided these checks are satisfactory the flock owner will be issued with a Veterinary Service support certificate and movement licence. **Please note: certain events (i.e. purchase of sheep or a disease outbreak) that occur after the issue of these documents could make the sheep ineligible for entry on the day of the sale.**

The following documents **must** accompany the animals into the EAC:

- a Veterinary Service support certificate;
- movement licence;
- Owner's Declaration;
- a certificate of ARR/ARR genotyping (if applicable); and
- Laboratory report of B. ovis (if applicable).

Paperwork required to accompany consignments of sheep exported from the EAC:

- Export Health Certificate (ITAHC)
- AVI Support Certificate

These documents will be issued by the certifying Authorised Veterinary Inspector at the EAC.

Please note: Currently it is not possible for animals to enter an Export Sale from either Great Britain or another EU Member State (including the Republic of Ireland).