

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DARD)

INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE IN OVINE/CAPRINE ANIMALS FOR BREEDING INTO AN EU APPROVED ASSEMBLY CENTRE – WITHOUT USING AN AVI AT THE PREMISES OF ORIGIN

OWNER'S DECLARATION

FOR COMPLETION BY THE OWNER OR KEEPER

1. Name of flock owner..... (BLOCK CAPITALS)
2. Address of flock owner.....
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3. Address of holding of origin from which the sheep/goats are to be moved:
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Flock No.:.....
4. Address of Assembly Centre to which the sheep/goats are to be moved:
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DECLARATIONS BY THE *OWNER/*KEEPER OF THE ANIMALS

5. I, being the *owner/*keeper of the *sheep/*goats listed in the attached schedule, hereby declare that the animals:

Residency and Standstill

- (a) *have been born and reared since birth in the United Kingdom or in any other member state of the EC;

or

*were imported legally from a third country in accordance with Community rules;

or

*were imported legally from a third country in accordance with an import licence issued by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- (b) have been continuously resident for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of dispatch (or since birth where the animal is less than 30 days old) on the above holding of origin;
- (c) Either
 - * (i) no sheep or goats have been introduced onto the above holding of origin during a period of 21 days immediately prior to the date of dispatch; and no bi-ungulate animal(s) imported from a third country has/have been introduced onto the above holding of origin during a period of 30 days immediately prior to the date of dispatch;

or

 - * (ii) any sheep or goats introduced onto the above holding of origin during a period of 21 days immediately prior to the date of dispatch and/or any bi-ungulate animals imported from a third country introduced onto the above holding of origin during a period of 30 days immediately prior to the date of export were kept completely isolated from all animals on the said holding in an officially approved isolation facility;

In the case of breeding rams only:

- (d) the said animals have been continuously resident on the premises at (3) for at least the previous 60 days;

Health Status of the Holding of Origin

- (e) To the best of my knowledge and belief, the following diseases have not been clinically diagnosed on the holding of origin within the following timeframes;
- (i) Jaagsiekte (pulmonary adenomatosis); *Maedi-visna/*Caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis* - 3 years (or 12 months in the case of maedi-visna or caprine viral arthritis encephalitis where infected animals have been slaughtered and the remaining animals subjected to testing laid down by the Department);
 - (ii) Scrapie - 3 years
 - (iii) Johne's disease (paratuberculosis); Caseous lymphadenitis - 12 months
 - (iv) Contagious agalactia (sheep or goats) - 6 months
 - (v) Brucellosis (B.Melitensis), Rabies or Anthrax - 42, 30 and 15 days respectively;

None of the sheep/goats described in the Schedule have been in contact with animals from such holdings.

Scrapie Requirements

Either

- * (f) (i) The flock/herd is registered with DARD under the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme; **and**
(ii) The flock/herd has been established for at least 3 years; **and**
(iii) The flock/herd has been subject to veterinary checks; **and**
(iv) Animals in the flock/herd are all identified, as required by legislation; **and**
(v) The flock/herd is compliant with regulations as regards submitting cull and fallen animals for TSE (Scrapie) testing; **and**
(vi) No animals have been added to the flock/herd other than from flocks/herds meeting the requirements at (f)(i); **and**
(vii) Animals in the flock/herd have not attended a show or sale other than **(a)** an approved show/sale or **(b)** the approved section set aside for scrapie monitored sheep/goats at a segregated show/sale other than a show/sale held during the period 1 May-31 August annually in GB and 1 May-31 October annually in NI during which segregation is unnecessary (Please note: no segregation is required at shows/sales which contain only male sheep – female sheep must not be present at such shows/sales).

or

- * (g) the sheep are of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype; and genotyping was carried out at a laboratory authorised by the government under the Northern Ireland Scrapie Plan (NISP) or the National Scrapie Plan in GB.

Transport of the Animals

- (h) Arrangements have been made to ensure that:
- (i) the said animals will be transported in vehicles/containers that have beforehand been cleansed and disinfected with a DARD approved disinfectant;
 - (ii) the said animals will be transported without coming into contact with cloven hoofed animals other than those of a similarly certified health status.
 - (iii) the said animals will not be outside their holding of origin for more than six days before being certified to their final destination in the EU.

SIGNED:.....*Owner/ *Keeper

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):..... Date:.....

*Delete if not applicable

This declaration is valid for 7 days.

