Special Sheep Sales

Instructions for AVIs on Generation of Veterinary Support Certificate and Movement License for the Movement of Sheep to a Special Sheep Sale
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1. Introduction

“Special Sheep Sales” are sales usually of pedigree sheep organised at Market Premises which have been approved as Export Assembly Centres (EACs). All sheep entering these sales must be eligible for export to EU for breeding (see Annex 1). The sheep leaving these sales may be exported to ROI/EU, GB or moved to Northern Ireland farms.

These instructions cover two areas in which Authorised Veterinary Inspectors (AVIs) may be involved.

1.1 Production of a Veterinary Service Support Certificate relating to the sheep and the premises of origin and a Movement Licence to accompany them to the Special Sheep Sale. (See Section 3)

N.B. Any AVI with access to eSAVI could be approached by a farmer wishing to move sheep to a Special Sheep Sale in order to get a “Veterinary Support Certificate” and Movement Licence. These are also available through DARD Direct/DVO offices this year (2012)

1.2 Being the AVI responsible for a “Special Sheep Sale”

In this case the AVI’s responsibilities include:

- Initiating the Special Sheep Sale by applying to the DVO using eSAVI for a Veterinary Support Certificate for the EAC premises (Section 4)

- Ensuring that only sheep eligible for export for breeding to the EU are allowed to enter the EAC where the “Special Sheep Sale” is taking place (Sections 5& 6)

- For non-CPR EACs moving the sheep into the EAC flock using eSAVI (Section 6.1)

- Blood Sampling Rams intended for EU trade for Brucella ovis, if this testing has not already been done prior to entry

- Providing export certification for sheep being exported from the sale to GB and ROI/EU

- Confirming the exported animals on eSAVI and declaring the export. (Section 7)
2. Special Sheep Sales - Summary of Process

These sales are normally held by pedigree breed societies in Market Premises operating as Export Assembly Centres (EACs). All sheep entering the sales must be eligible for export to other EU Member States. Sheep farmers must obtain a Veterinary Service Support Certificate (VSSP) and a Movement licence (ML) prior to moving to the Sale. These can only be produced if the sheep meet various eligibility criteria (these are listed in Annex 1). The (VSSP) and (ML) can be obtained either from DARD or from the farmer’s Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) by completing an Owner’s Declaration which incorporates an application form.

The steps in the process are as follows:

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<td>Step 1</td>
<td>Farmer completes Owner’s Declaration (OD) which incorporates an application for a Veterinary Service Support Certificate and Movement Licence. This has the details of the farm of origin and the EAC, the individual ID numbers and sex of the sheep. Available on the DARD Internet.</td>
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<td>Step 2</td>
<td>Farmer brings or sends (OD) and Scrapie Genotype Certificates to either DARD or AVI. Scrapie Genotype Certificates only required for flocks which are not in Scrapie Monitoring Scheme</td>
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The following steps refer to the actions when farmer comes to their AVI

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<th>Step 4</th>
<th>AVI checks (OD) and (if provided) Scrapie Genotype Certificates and if satisfactory proceeds with the process.</th>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td>AVI creates an “Intention to move to an SSS” on e-SAVI using the information on (OD). APHIS will perform eligibility checks regarding residence/movements into flock/restrictions etc.</td>
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<td>Step 6</td>
<td>AVI prints out the movement licence and the Veterinary Service Support Certificate (VSSPT). This can be printed from the 'Licence Approved' tab</td>
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<td>Step 7</td>
<td>AVI issues (VSSPT) and (ML) and reminds farmer what paperwork (s)he needs to take to sale i.e. Veterinary Service Support Certificate Movement Licence Owner’s Declaration Scrapie Genotype Certificates (if applicable) B. ovis results (if applicable) Things which could render animals ineligible after issue of the (VSSPT) and (ML) include: 1. Movement of animals into flock (unless an AIF is in place) 2. Disease or other restriction being placed on flock. 3. Processing of APHIS documents for moves which had happened prior to production of the (VSSPT) and (ML). and points out that eligibility of animals could change before the sale- see right column.</td>
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3. Application to Move Sheep into a Special Sheep Sale using eSAVI

On eSAVI, a new tab “Intention to move to SSS” has been added to allow the “Advance Notification of sheep into a Special Sheep Sale”, to be created. After clicking on “Intention to move to SSS” the following screen appears:

The AVI inputs the flock number of the EAC where the sheep sale will be held into the “SSS flock number “ box and the flock number from which the sheep are intended to move into the “from flock” box.

The system will confirm the name and address of the SSS.
Hit “OK”. The list of animals in the flock will appear in the left box. Enter the date the sheep will be moving to the SSS into “Movement date” box. This can be up to 10 days before the sale. Select and add each the tag number of each sheep going to the special sale, specifying its sex M or F, before adding into the right hand box.

When ‘enter’ is clicked, checks are done to ensure that the animals selected are eligible.

If the animal numbers selected pass the eligibility checks, the following message box will appear, provided the flock is registered with DARD under the Scrapie Monitored Flock Scheme. Click OK to create a licence.
If the flock is not registered under the Scrapie Monitored Flock scheme the following message appears stating the AVI must be in possession of Scrapie genotype certificates which confirm the animals to enter the sale are ARR/ARR genotyped.

If the AVI clicks OK to create a licence, the following message will appear to state that the licence has been created.

Click OK.
When the intention to move is created, it will then appear on the ‘Licence Approved’ tab from where the licence and support certificate can be printed. The notification will be valid for 10 days from the date it was created.

The documents can be accessed and printed by clicking on the Sellers Document No. which is the blue ‘A’ number underlined in the left hand column.

By clicking ‘print’ the movement licence and farm of origin support certificate can be printed. The farm of origin support certificate will have the name and address of the AVI automatically printed on it, therefore no written signature is necessary and it is ready for the AVI to issue if they are satisfied with the application.
Once approved, the animals can be presented to the SSS any day up until 10 days after the notification was created. Sheep can be presented before or after the proposed move date, within the 10 day validity of the ‘A’ document.

When the animals are actually presented at the SSS, the export checks will be carried out again to ensure nothing has changed to affect movement eligibility and the animals can then move into the SSS.
Eligibility Criteria for Sheep moving to a Special Sheep Sale

(APHIS performs these checks)

1. The sheep must 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.

2. Animals in the flock are not due to be destroyed under a scheme to eradicate a contagious or infectious disease.

3. The flock has not been restricted for the following diseases within the specified timeframes: Brucellosis (B.Melitensis), Rabies or Anthrax - 42, 30 and 15 days respectively.

4. The flock is not situated in a protection zone pursuant to Community legislation and from which animals are prohibited to leave.

5. Animals in this flock are not restricted in respect of Foot and Mouth Disease and vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease is prohibited in Northern Ireland.

6. The sheep have been continuously resident for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of dispatch (or since birth if the animal is less than 30 days old) on the holding of origin.

   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) An Isolation Facility is approved for the above flock/herd in order that any animals introduced in accordance with para 6(i) can be kept completely isolated from all other animals on the holding.
7. The flock is officially Brucellosis free (B. melitensis).

8. In the case of BREEDING RAMS: No case of contagious epididymitis of rams (B. ovis) has been confirmed in the flock in the past 12 months; and

Breeding rams going to the sale have been continuously resident in the flock for at least 60 days immediately prior to the date of dispatch.
N.B. Rams for export to another member state will have to have a negative test for Brucella ovis within 30 days of export. (For some sales this can be done at the EAC.)

9. The following diseases have not been officially recorded in the flock within the timeframes specified:
   - Contagious agalactia (sheep or goats) – 6 months;
   - Johne’s disease (paratuberculosis) & Caseous lymphadenitis – 12 months;
   - Jaagsiekte (pulmonary adenomatosis) – 3 years;
   - 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)

10. Either the flock/herd is registered with DARD under the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme or the sheep moving to the sale were tested by a Private Veterinary Practitioner and are Genotype ARR/ARR
SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT OF DOCUMENTS GENERATED FOR MOVES TO SPECIAL SHEEP SALES.

Documents which travel with the sheep to the sale:

- Original APHIS Generated Movement licence
- Original Veterinary Service Support certificate
- Original Owner’s declaration (either alone or combined with application form)
- Original Scrapie Genotype Certificates and Bovis results (if applicable)

Documents retained by DARD (this year only) or AVI of flock-keeper wishing to present sheep to the sale:

- “True copy” of Movement licence
- “True” copy of Veterinary Service Support certificate
- “True” copy of Owner’s declaration / (either alone or combined with application form)

See next page for flowchart

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1 True Copy means a photocopy, scanned copy or carbon copy of the original document.
Management of paperwork for Special Sheep Sales

Flockkeeper wishes to bring sheep to a Special Sheep Sale

Chooses to go to DARD

Chooses to go AVI

AVI prints off combined Owner’s Declaration and Application form from Internet

Flockkeeper completes and returns to AVI along with Scrapie Genotype Certificates (if applicable)

AVI produces and signs Movement licence for intention to move to SSS on eSAVI, and electronically signed Veterinary Service Support Certificate and gives to flockkeeper. AVI keeps copies of these and of Owner’s Declaration and Scrapie Certificates (if applicable)

Original Owner’s Declaration, Veterinary Service Support Certificate, Movement Licence and Scrapie Genotype Certificates (if applicable) and Bovis results (if applicable) travel with sheep to sale.

These documents are given to the AVI responsible for the Special Sheep Sale who retains them for two years along with the other documents generated at the sale.