



Guidance for keepers in England and Wales

Sheep and Goats – Movements to Show Grounds

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This guidance explains what keepers and show organisers should do to comply with the rules governing the recording and reporting of movements of sheep and goats to shows. It is general guidance and is not a definitive statement of the law.

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Guidance

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This note summarises what keepers and show organisers should do to comply with the rules governing the recording and reporting of movements of sheep to and from shows.

The Disease Control Order (England) 2003 (DCO) and the Disease Control (Wales) Order 2003 (DCO(W)) provide for a movement standstill when animals are moved onto a holding where livestock are kept. In the case of sheep and goats a 6 day standstill applies. It would be impossible for shows to function if the 6 day standstill rule was applied to shows and therefore an exemption to the standstill provisions in respect of shows has been agreed subject to compliance with the following requirements.

*Licence conditions under the Animal Gatherings (England) Order 2010 (AGO) and the Animal Gatherings (Wales) Order 2010 require that show organisers **keep sufficient records to enable the tracing of animals and livestock vehicles in the event of a suspect case of a notifiable disease at the premises**. Animal Health will satisfy themselves that the showground has a system in place that meets these requirements as part of the AGO licensing approval. The show organiser is required to retain a copy of the incoming movements document for 6 months.*

The general licences for the movement of sheep and goats issued under the DCO and DCO(W) have been amended so that they do not require sheep and goats being moved to show grounds¹ to be individually identified and individually recorded.

However, the identification and recording provisions of the Sheep and Goats Records Identification and Movements legislation (SAGRIMO) apply.

Identification and recording

Sheep and goats *must* be identified in accordance with SAGRIMO (see guidance for keepers - information list below). **Sheep** identified from 31 December 2009 will be double identified (usually with 2 UK ear tags) both of which will be printed with the same unique 12 digit ID number preceded by the Letters 'UK'. One of these will include an electronic identifier (yellow) which can be scanned with a reading device as well as being read visually. Animals intended for slaughter within 12 months can be identified with a single tag which will be printed with 'UK' plus the 6 digit flock/herd mark only (these can be electronic or conventional). The use of an EID tag is voluntary for goats. Animals born before 31 December 2009 can be moved to shows on their existing identification providing it includes an individual number, otherwise they will first need to be individually identified.

*Animals individually (electronically) identified after 31 December 2009 will have to be individually recorded in the **keeper's** holding register from 31 December 2009 and on movement documents from 1st January 2011 – including when moving to/from shows.*

*There is no requirement to individually record animals individually identified before 31 December 2009 in the **keeper's** holding register, but individual recording will be a requirement on movement documents from 31 December 2011.*

¹ Show grounds including shearing events at show grounds, and sheep dog trials at show grounds (not on farm).

Holding registers

Livestock show grounds **are not required to keep a Holding Register** in which to record the movements onto and off the show ground of the individually identified sheep and goats. Instead they must *ensure that sufficient records, as agreed with Animal Health, are kept to enable the tracing of animals and livestock vehicles in the event of a suspect case of a notifiable disease at the premises, in accordance with the conditions contained in their AGO licence*. Show organisers may choose to use the Holding Register produced by Defra for this purpose which contains a number of sections. Of relevance for shows will be Section one (ordinarily the registered keeper's section for on farm registers) and Sections five and six – the on and off movements sections. Show organisers in Wales can use the Welsh Assembly Government holding register which provides for the same records to be kept but contains a single movement section.

Movement reporting

Movements to/from shows must be reported on the AML1 Movement Document (*Annex A & diagram 1 below*). Keepers must complete **separate** movement documents for both the on and the off movement (including separate copies for sheep and goats). The movement document must record the total number of animals being moved and from 1 January 2011 for animals born after 31 December 2009, and from 31 December 2011 for all animals individual animal numbers must be recorded. Animals moved to show grounds for shearing, sheep dog trials etc after these dates must be individually recorded. The only exception to the individual recording requirement is for animals intended for slaughter within 12 months of age which are identified with a single batch tag. These animals can continue to move on a batch basis.

On movement document

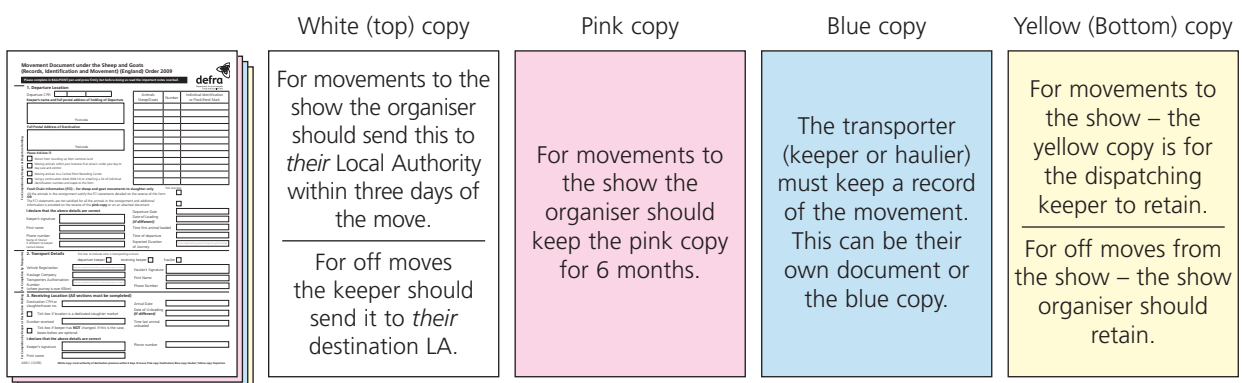
The AML1 is completed by the dispatching keeper and must accompany each consignment of animals moving to the show ground. **The show organiser** should forward the top (white) copy to the Local Authority covering the show – within 3 days of the move and retain a copy for 6 months.

Off movement document

Although it may cover the same animals, the AML1 for the 'on' movement cannot be used for the off movement. The keeper should complete a new AML1 movement document for the move to the destination. **The show organiser** should retain the yellow copy. The receiving keeper (who will be the keeper of the animals at the show) should send the top (white) copy to their Local Authority responsible for their destination premises – within three days of the move taking place.

Diagram 1

*The AML1 Movement Document has four different coloured carbonated pages and in respect of moves to/from shows these **must** be kept or sent as follows:*



Carbonated pads available from Local Authorities

Enforcement

Local Authorities continue to be responsible for the enforcement of compliance with sheep and goat identification and movement recording legislation and can carry out checks at shows for that purpose.

Further information England:

- Animal Health Agency Information on the Animal Gatherings licensing regime: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/inspecting-and-licensing/animalgatherings/index.htm>
- The Disease Control (England) Order 2003 – (DCO): <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031729.htm>
- DCO - General Licence For The Movement Of Sheep And Goats (Annex A – point 2(m)): <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/sheep/documents/licence-annexa-c-090713.pdf>
- Livestock ID website: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/index.htm>
- Guidance for keepers in England: Rules for identifying sheep and goats: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/sheep/documents/guidance-0912.pdf>
- AML1 Movement document: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/docs/forms/health/aml/aml1.pdf>
- Sheep & Goat Holding Register: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/sheep/documents/holding-register.pdf>

An electronic version is in preparation and should be online during May 2010.

- EID website: www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/sheep/index.htm
- EID in sheep – a technical guide: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/faranimal/movements/sheep/documents/eid-technical.pdf>

Further information Wales:

- Animal Health Agency Information on the Animal Gatherings licensing regime: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/inspecting-and-licensing/animalgatherings/index.htm>
- The Disease Control (Wales) Order 2003: <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/wales/wsi2003/20031966e.htm>
- The Disease Control (Wales) Order 2003 – General Licence For The Movement Of Sheep And Goats: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/disease/generalmovement/licences/sheepandgoatsmovementlicence>
- Livestock ID website: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/faranimaltracing/>
- Guidance for keepers in Wales – rules for identifying sheep and goats: <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/drah/publications/100111eidguidanceen.pdf>
- AML1 Movement document: <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/drah/publications/091222animalmovementlicencesen.pdf>
- Sheep & Goat Holding Register: <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/drah/publications/100224flockrecord.pdf>

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