ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981

THE DISEASE CONTROL (ENGLAND) ORDER 2003 (AS AMENDED)

GENERAL LICENCE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF SHEEP AND GOATS

PART I

In accordance with Article 12 of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003, (the "Disease Control Order")1, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs hereby authorises by this licence the movement of sheep and goats within England, subject to the following conditions:

General

1. Prior to any movement the owner/keeper shall inspect the sheep and goats to be moved for signs of any notifiable disease2 (including Foot and Mouth Disease). If there is any suspicion of the presence of a notifiable disease it must be notified without delay to the relevant Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency Office and no animal kept on the premises of departure may be moved under this licence whilst the suspicion of disease is investigated or as advised by AHVLA.

Cleansing and disinfection

2. Any vehicle used for the movement of sheep and goats under this licence must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected in accordance with the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 and the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 (WATO). This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

Movements not permitted under this licence

3. This licence may not be used to move sheep or goats from:
   • Market of any description to another market of any description
   • Market of any description to a collecting centre
   • Market of any description to an approved assembly centre, except that sheep and goats which have completed the relevant residency period and the relevant standstill period on the premises of origin as required by EU legislation may move from a market (handling only such sheep and goats) to an approved assembly centre
   • Collecting centre to a market of any description
   • Collecting centre to a collecting centre
   • Slaughterhouse to any other place
   • Dedicated slaughter market to any premises other than a slaughterhouse
   • Dedicated slaughter collection to any premises other than a slaughterhouse
   • Market to artificial insemination centre
   • Approved assembly centre to any other place other than:
     - to a port or airport
     - to the premises from which the sheep were initially consigned to the assembly centre3
     - to a slaughterhouse in Great Britain
     - to a dedicated slaughter market in Great Britain.

1 References in this licence to UK legislation are references to that legislation as amended from time to time.
2 www.gov.uk/disease-notification-duties-of-farmers/
3 Except that sheep or goats which have completed the relevant residency period required by EU legislation and the relevant standstill period on the premises of origin may move from an approved assembly centre to a farm in Great Britain other than that from which they were initially consigned to the approved assembly centre.
6 day rule

4. No sheep or goats may be moved under this licence from premises on to which one or more cattle, sheep, goats or pigs have been moved in the preceding 6 day period where this would not be lawful under the Disease Control Order. A summary of the relevant exemptions under that Order in relation to this rule is set out in Annex A.

Animal ID, movement documents and record keeping

5. All movements are subject to the provisions of:


Compliance with the provisions of the above Order shall be a condition of this licence.

This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

Multiple Pick-ups/Drop offs

6. Multiple pick-ups and drop-offs are permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex B unless prohibited by any future measures.

Stops

7. Scheduled stops will be permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex C unless prohibited by any future measures. No transfers of livestock between vehicles (or unloading of livestock except in an emergency) are allowed at any stop, whether scheduled or not except in the case of multiple pick up or drop off operations where this is done in accordance with the instructions set out in Annex B.

Mixing of Species

8. Animals of more than one species may travel in a single vehicle at any one time.

Movement Reporting

10. All movements of sheep or goats under the authority of this licence must be reported in accordance with Articles 22 and 23 of the Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) Order 2009:

- electronically in the case of animals being received at markets, abattoirs, collection centres, and assembly centres,
- on paper, or electronically, in the case of animals being received at other premises

11. Where required, a movement reporting document must be completed and supplied.

12. Multiple-moves must not be recorded on a single movement document.

13. If a large consignment of animals is moved in more than one trip a separate movement document, where required, must be completed for each trip.

14. The keeper at the holding of destination shall ensure that the movement of animals is reported within 3 days of the movement taking place.

15. If sheep or goats are returning home from an artificial insemination centre then the recipient must complete the declaration at Part II to this licence.

16. If breeding rams are being moved to a market from a holding under standstill, then the sender must complete the declaration at Part III to this licence.

17. If breeding rams (including those returning unsold from a market) or breeding goats are being moved, then the recipient must complete the declaration at Part IV to this licence.

Zoo movements

18. Movements of sheep and goats to, from, or between zoo premises licensed under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 are not subject to the Disease Control Order. Such movements do not therefore fall within the terms of this licence.
Sole Occupancy Authority

19. This licence may not be used to move sheep or goats from any premises within a Sole Occupancy Authority to any premises outside that Sole Occupancy Authority whilst any premises within that Sole Occupancy Authority are under a movement standstill as provided for by Articles 4 and 5 of the Disease Control Order.

Validity of Licence and Restrictions

20. No sheep or goats may be moved under this licence on or off premises if this is contrary to other notifiable disease control measures in place at the time of the proposed movement.

21. This licence cannot be used to move any sheep or goats whose movement is prohibited under any notice issued whether under article 13 of the Disease Control Order or otherwise.

22. Without prejudice to the liability of any other person for any breach of these conditions, it shall be the responsibility of the owner/keeper of any animals moved under the licence to ensure that a movement is at all times carried out subject to, and in compliance with, these conditions.

This licence comes into force at 00.01hrs on 6th April 2014

Signed By Nieves Bottomley
Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Dated 3rd April 2014

This licence hereby revokes and replaces the licence authorised on 11 November 2010 with effect from 00.01 hrs on 6 April 2014.
DECLARATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF SHEEP OR GOATS RETURNING HOME FROM AN ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION CENTRE

I, ........................................  (name) declare that I have received sheep*/goats* as follows:

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At

Address of Premises of destination:


CPH of premises of destination: 


From

Address of premises of departure:


CPH of premises of departure: 


On ..............................................(date)

I declare that these sheep*/goats* are returning home from an artificial insemination centre; and that I have confined them in an isolation facility, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, and that they will be so confined for a period of 6 days from the date of arrival on the premises of destination.

Signed: ................ .................. Date: .....................

(*delete where applicable)
PART III

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DECLARATION BY THE SENDER OF BREEDING RAMS MOVING TO A MARKET BETWEEN 1 AUGUST AND 30 NOVEMBER (INCLUSIVE)

I, ……………………………………………. (name) declare that I have sent rams as follows:

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I declare that this/these* ram/rams* is/are* intended for breeding to be sold at market at any time from 1 August to 30 November (inclusive); and that:

- I have confined them in an isolation facility, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, for a period of 6 days before the date of movement stated above.

Signed: ………….. ……………………  Date:…………….………

(*delete where applicable)
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DECLARATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF BREEDING RAMS AND BREEDING GOATS, (INCLUDING BREEDING RAMS RETURNING UNSOLD FROM A MARKET) BETWEEN 1 AUGUST AND 30 NOVEMBER

I, ……………………………………………. (name) declare that I have received rams/goats as follows:

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At

Address of Premises of destination:

CPH of premises of destination:

From

Address of premises of departure:

CPH of premises of departure:

On …………………………………………….(date)

* I declare that this/these* ram/rams* is/are* intended to be used for breeding purposes have been returned unsold from a market to the premises of destination listed above, at any time from 1 August to 30 November (inclusive), and that:

I have confined the ram/ rams* in an isolation facility, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, and that they will be so confined for a period of 6 days from the date of arrival on the premises of destination.

* I declare that this/these* ram/rams/goat/goats* is/are* intended to be used for breeding purposes on the premises of destination listed above; and that:

* I have confined the ram/ rams* in an isolation facility, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, and that they will be so confined for a period of 6 days from the date of arrival on the premises of destination; or

* The goat/ goats* was/ were* placed in an isolation facility on the premises of origin departure, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, for 6 days prior to arrival at the premises of destination.

Signed: ………….. ……………………  Date:…………….………

(*delete where applicable)