

**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") 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 Foot and Mouth Disease. If any evidence of such disease is found it must be notified without delay to the Regional Veterinary Lead (RVL). If any evidence of disease is found, no animal kept on the premises of departure may be moved under this licence.

**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) Order 2006 (WATO). This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

**Types of movement permitted**

3. Any sheep or goat may be moved under this licence. but with the exception that 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 21 day residency and the appropriate standstill 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 centre <sup>1</sup>
    - to a slaughterhouse in Great Britain
    - to a dedicated slaughter market.

**6 day rule**

4. No sheep or goats may be moved under this licence from premises on to which one or more animals have been moved in the preceding 6 day period where this would not be lawful under the Disease Control (England) Order 2003, as amended. A summary of the relevant exemptions under that Order in relation to this rule is set out in Annex A.

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<sup>1</sup> except that sheep or goats which have completed the 30 day residency requirement and the appropriate standstill on the premises of origin required by EU legislation 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.

### **Animal ID, movement documents and record keeping**

5. All movements are subject to the provisions of:

The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) Order 2009.

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 the conditions of licences issued under The Bluetongue (No. 2) Order 2007 or any future Orders issued in a state of heightened animal disease risk.

### **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 the conditions of licences issued under The Bluetongue (No. 2) Order 2007. 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.

### **Exclusion from licensing scheme**

9. No sheep or goats may be moved under this licence from any premises where a notice has been served on the occupier of those premises prohibiting the movement of animals from those premises under the authority of this licence.

### **Movement Reporting**

10. All movements of sheep or goats under the authority of this licence must be reported using a movement reporting document which must be completed in accordance with Articles 22 and 23 of the Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement)(England) Order 2009. Guidance on completing the movement document may be found in the Guidance for Keepers in England at [www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/tracing/sheep/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/tracing/sheep/index.htm).

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

### **Zoo movements**

14. 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 (England) Order 2003 (as amended) Such movements do not therefore fall within the terms of this licence.

### **Sole Occupancy Authority**

15. This licence may not be used to move animals 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 (England) Order 2003, as amended.

Validity of Licence

16. This Licence is not valid where departure and destination premises are placed under restriction due to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.
  
17. 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 11 November 2010

Signed By.....

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Dated 9 November 2010

This licence hereby revokes and replaces the licence authorised on 20 April 2010 with effect from 00.01 hrs on 11 November 2010.

**PART II**

**ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981**

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

Sex of Animals (M/F)	Relevant code or flock/herdmark)

At

Address of Premises of destination: .....  
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CPH of premises of destination: .....

From

Address of Premises of departure: .....  
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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**

**ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981**

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

Relevant code or flock/herdmark

From

Address of Premises of departure: .....  
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CPH of premises of departure: .....

To

Address of market premises: .....  
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CPH of market premises: .....

On .....(*date*)

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)

**PART IV**

**ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981**

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

**DECLARATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF BREEDING RAMS, INCLUDING  
BREEDING RAMS RETURNING UNSOLD FROM A MARKET BETWEEN 1  
AUGUST AND 30 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE/BREEDING GOATS**

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

Sex of Animals (M/F)	Relevant code or flock/herdmark)

At

Address of Premises of destination: .....  
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CPH of premises of destination: .....

From

Address of Premises of departure: .....  
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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, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, for 6 days prior to arrival at the premises of destination.

Signed: .....

Date:.....

(\*delete where applicable)