

Ear Tagging - Replacements Rules for Sheep in England

IF TAGGED AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2009

AGE	Tag type	Replacement options	On holding of birth		Not on holding of birth	
			Tag colour	Holding Register	Tag colour	Holding Register
↓			Yellow / red / black reserved colours	Cross Reference?	Yellow / red / black reserved colours	Cross Reference?
If kept beyond 12 months of age	‘Full EID’ Two identifiers, one must be electronic	<p>One tag lost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New tag with Identical number to the lost tag. (only option if a bolus or tattoo is one of the identifiers), <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the remaining tag & replace with a new pair. 	<p>EID tag Yellow</p> <p>Bolus match-up Black</p> <p>Conventional tag any but reserved colours</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes (if old number known)</p>	<p>Yellow / red / black reserved colours</p> <p>Red EID or conventional tag</p> <p>Black Only for bolus match up</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes (if old number known)</p>
		<p>Both tags lost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New tag with Identical number to the lost tag. <p><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove remaining tag & replace with a new pair. 				
Intended for slaughter under 12 months of age	<p>Single slaughter tag</p> <p>Conventional (non electronic)</p> <p><i>Or</i></p> <p>EID</p>	1. Conventional slaughter tag, <i>or</i>	Any colour <u>not</u> reserved	Record in replacement section	Red	Yes (if number known)
		2. Electronic slaughter tag	Yellow			
		<i>Not on holding of birth – cross reference where flock number of lost tag is known</i>				

- You can only replace: lost / damaged / illegible tags, either within 28 days of discovery, or before leaving the holding if sooner.
- All replacements should be noted in the holding register replacement section, and cross referenced in certain circumstances (see above)

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IF TAGGED *BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2009* (pre-EID 'historic' animals)

Date 1st ID'd ↓	Tag type	Replacement Options	On holding of birth		Not on holding of birth	
			Tag colour	Holding Register	Tag colour	Holding Register
			Reserved colours are yellow, red and black	Cross reference?	Reserved colours are yellow, red and black	Cross reference?
11 January 2008 to 30 December 2009	Double tagged <i>(had flock & individual number)</i>	If <u>one</u> tag is lost: identical number to the lost tag or Remove remaining tag & replace with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two matching conventional tags a set of full EID tags <i>If both tags are lost, either of above choices</i>	Any but reserved colours	No	Any but reserved colours	No
			Any but reserved colours	No	Both tags red	Yes
			Yellow EID tag, match up tag, any but reserved colours	No	Both tags red	Yes <i>if old number known</i>
February 2003 to 10 January 2008	Single tag <i>(had flock & individual number)</i>	Identical number to lost tag or Double tag, which can be either:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two matching conventional tags a set of full EID tags <i>(cross reference if old number known)</i>	Any but reserved colours	No	Any but reserved colours	No
			Any but reserved colours	No	Both tags red	Yes
			Yellow EID, match up tag, any but reserved colours	No	Both tags red	Yes <i>if old number known</i>
January 2001 to February 2003	Single tag <i>(had a flock mark only on it *)</i>	Replace with: two tags, either:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two matching conventional tags a set of full EID tags <i>You <u>must</u> double tag to individually ID this animal before leaving the holding</i>	Any but reserved colours	No	Both tags red	Yes
			Yellow EID, match up tag, any but reserved colours	No	Both tags red	Yes for both if old flock mark known
Before January 2001	No tag *	<i>As above</i>	<i>As above</i>		<i>As above</i>	

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