

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Welfare of Animals during Transportation:-** from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008, a new EU regulation requires that all persons who transport animals on journeys of more than 65 kms. (approx. 40 miles) must have a LICENCE to do so. Please make your own enquiries and arrangements to abide by this regulation.
  
2. **Market Bio-Security:-** All lorries, trailers and towing vehicles must be totally clean, though please keep the use of straw to a bare minimum so to ease the removal and disposal of effluent.
  - a) Unclean vehicles:- any which are deemed to be a threat to Bio-Security will not be permitted to either load or unload livestock.
  - b) Protective Clothing and Footwear must be worn by ALL persons when within the livestock penning areas, and boots dipped upon both entering and leaving these areas. All such clothing and footwear must be cleaned before leaving the market premises.
  - c) C&D Procedures - all vehicles must be either cleaned and disinfected on the market site or a declaration must be signed and handed to the lorry-wash attendant stating that the vehicle will be C&D'd within 24 hours of leaving said market site.
  - d) Persons handling livestock must wash their hands upon completion of such actions.
  
3. **Farm Assurance:-** can make a difference. Farm Assured livestock attract the widest possible numbers of buyers. Membership is valid for 12 months (check your renewal date), and can be obtained by contacting, for example, ABM on 01908. 844315 for more details.
  
4. **Meat and Hygiene Service (MHS):-** The MHS insists that **both cattle and sheep** with dags, dirty flanks and/or under-bellies must be clipped-out before being marketed so to avoid contamination. Heavy penalties will be imposed by them upon those producers who do not comply with these requirements.
  
5. **“Green Market”:-** Stratford Livestock Market is a “Green Market” where 6-Day Standstill Rules apply, and sells all categories of sheep and cattle which can be moved on producers’ General Licence for the Movement of Stock.