

SHEEP INFORMATION

1. DEFRA Licence AML1 – this licence must by law be **fully** completed by you the producer, and accompany all sheep in transit irrespective of their destination. It must also include your sheep ID number/s, plus **ALL** times, dates, etc. to be compliant.

2. Ear Tags - new ID. regulations now apply as of 11th January, 2008. Sheep must be correctly tagged prior to them arriving at the market, viz:- ONE TAG (with UK.flock number) inserted in sheep before they reach 9 months of age and/or before they leave their holding of birth. This single tag will suffice if the animal is intended for slaughter within the UK before 12 months of age, after which it must be double tagged with the same identification number (replace lost or illegible tags within 28 days of noticing).

* “S Tags” are no longer to be used by sheep producers.

* Any sheep that are found by an abattoir to be incorrectly ear-tagged will be condemned by them at the expense of the vendor producer.

3. Dags and Dirt – the Meat & Hygiene Service (MHS) requires all dirty lambs/hoggets to be **belly shorn and/or tail daged** so to avoid penalties imposed by them once in the abattoirs. This in turn may attract any buyers’ premiums which are likewise available to most finished tegs that have been fasted/housed over-night.

4. Conditions of Sale - displayed in the market office and taken as read.