



PREMIUM SHEEP AND GOAT HEALTH SCHEME SALE RULES AND CONDITIONS

Maedi Visna /Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Accreditation Scheme



The following rules **must** be applied to allow MV accredited sheep or CAE accredited goats to maintain their status of Accreditation when they are being entered into an auction, market or sale.

1 Application

Market authorities and Sale organisers **must submit a fully completed Application and signed Declaration no later than 30th April 2021** listing all planned events which include an MV or CAE accredited section. This is to ensure that the SRUC Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Shows and Sale Bureau can consider the Application and make sure that the letter of Approval is issued prior to the event and to arrange an Inspection, if necessary.

These should be returned to the address at the end of this document or can be e-mailed.

2 Approval

Markets and Sales that include MV or CAE accredited stock **must be approved** to the SRUC/PSGHS Scheme Rules prior to the event or the accredited stock may lose their accredited status. Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Shows and Sales Bureau will issue a letter of Approval on our receipt of an Application Form and signed Declaration. Vendors are entitled to verify that approval has been granted.

3 The following points must be adhered to:

- ❖ Unloading/reloading points – CLEARLY designated for MV or CAE accredited Stock
- ❖ **Signs must read: “MV accredited” or “CAE accredited”**
- ❖ Clear identification of the area where the MV or CAE accredited animals are to be penned
- ❖ Indication of where the non- MV or non- CAE accredited animals are to be penned, if on the site on the same day.
- ❖ Clear identification of the minimum separation gap of **2 metres for MV (sheep) or 3 metres for CAE (goats)** accredited stock from non- MV or non- CAE accredited stock, including barriers, closed gates, empty pens.
- ❖ Indication of routes of movement within the sale yard/market and sale ring(s) whilst maintaining the required separation at all times.

4 Separation of Stock

- ❖ Ideally MV or CAE accredited stock should be sold first before the non- MV or non -CAE accredited stock.
- ❖ Otherwise cleansing and disinfection of the ring is undertaken after non- MV accredited stock have been sold and before any accredited stock enters the ring (Only non-porous surfaces are suitable for the use of disinfectants; grass and bedded areas cannot be adequately disinfected)
- ❖ Or the ring can be split into two parts with a fenced separation gap (2 metres for sheep and 3 metres for goats) or solid partition of at least 2 metres high (3 metres in the case of goats).

5 Penning Arrangements

Where stock are penned outdoors or in a large volume building, a separation wall a minimum of 2 metres high, (3 metres for goats) should be available, or a stock free area 2 metres wide (3 metres for goats) must exist between MV accredited and non-MV accredited stock at all times. Where stock are housed in a low volume building there is a higher risk of respiratory infection spreading. Such buildings may only be used for MV accredited or non-MV accredited stock, but not for both. The term “low volume” applies to buildings with restricted airspace and poor ventilation. PSGHS Approved Inspectors and SRUC Vets are able to offer advice on the suitability of proposed buildings

6 Unloading and Reloading

MV or CAE accredited stock must have designated loading and unloading points and their movement into, within and out of the sale yard/market must be in accordance with the rules.



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7 The MV / CAE Health Status report

A valid, fully completed Health Status report must accompany MV or CAE accredited stock entering the section approved for MV or CAE Accredited stock.

The Sale organiser must arrange for verification of Health Status reports **prior** to unloading.. Please ensure that as Organisers of an MV accredited event, that the sheep stewards are *fully briefed* to the SRUC Scheme Rules before the event takes place. The Stewards checklist supplied by the Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes **should** be distributed to staff involved in the collection of Health Status Reports.

7a The Expiry date must be later than the date of movement and within date of the sale

All sections **must** be completed in full for the Health Status Report to be valid including:

- ❖ Signature and date to validate
- ❖ **Ear Tags numbers of all sheep**

Up to 20 animals can be listed on one Health Status Report, however, a supplementary written/printed sheet with Ear Tag number of any additional sheep is acceptable, and may be **attached to the** completed MV Health Status Report with **Member's name and Holding number** included.

7b If a vendor elects to withdraw his animal from the MV or CAE accredited section and sell it through a non-accredited ring, that animal will automatically forfeit its MV accredited status and may not return to the MV accredited section at the sale or to an MV accredited flock on farm. A list of animals presented by a vendor as MV or CAE accredited, but selected to forfeit their accredited status during the sale must be submitted by the organiser.

8 Transportation

MV or CAE accredited stock must not be allowed to come into contact with non- accredited stock during transportation, or share the same air space as non-accredited stock during transportation. Lorries divided with a solid partition and with separate loading/unloading ramps may be accepted for the transport of accredited and non- accredited stock, as may separate lorry/trailer units.

9 Facilities

The section approved for MV or CAE accredited stock, including the sale ring, must be cleansed and disinfected after the removal of all stock from a previous sale and these operations must be completed before the arrival of the MV accredited sheep or CAE accredited goats.

9a MV or CAE accredited stock must be provided with separate watering, feeding and milking facilities.

9b Drainage from any other part of the market must not flow into the approved section.

9c Adequate facilities for the thorough cleansing and disinfection of vehicles as required by current legislation should be available. (See DEFRA Cleansing and Disinfection Order 2003).

9d If any animals are penned or exhibited on non-disinfectable surfaces eg grass, there must be at least 7 clear days free of non- MV or non -CAE accredited stock before the arrival of MV accredited stock.

10 Inspections

SRUC Vets and PSGHS Approved Inspectors will inspect a sample of Approved sales to ensure that the SRUC Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Rules are adhered to.



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11 Sale responsibility

The market authorities/sale organisers shall be responsible for complying with all conditions. **It is the responsibility of the sale organiser to check that Health Status Reports** are valid prior to unloading of stock. **Any discrepancies must be checked with SAC PSGHS** prior to the sale and prior to unloading. Please note that the **PSGHS office is open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday**. A SRUC Vet or a Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Approved Inspector may inspect MV or CAE Health Status Reports on request.

12 Supervision of sales and markets

SRUC Vets and Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Approved Inspectors will take all steps they consider necessary to ensure the protection of the status of MV or CAE accredited flocks/herds both with respect to pre-sale inspection of the site and supervision of the conduct of the sale. They will not attend every sale.

13 Export and Status Verification

Purchasers of MV or CAE accredited stock may consult the Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Bureau to confirm the status of their purchases. When a Certificate for Export is required, a local veterinary inspector will require to see the Health Status Report for the animal(s) and the letter of approval for the MV or CAE accredited sale. DEFRA are responsible for organising the Exportation documentation.

13a If the Sale Organiser requires a verification of Status of Vendors for an MV or CAE accredited sale, the list of vendors with full details, e.g., Holding number, address and postcode, should be submitted to the Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Show and Sale Bureau **at least 14 working days** prior to the date of the stock arrival (contact details at bottom of page).

ADDITIONAL SCHEMES

CAE - the BGS run a CAE *Monitoring* scheme and some goat owners test privately for the disease. These two categories of testing are in no way compatible with the SRUC CAE Accreditation Scheme and they must be treated as non-accredited for the purposes of the scheme.

EAE - the Enzootic Abortion of Ewes accreditation scheme is run by SRUC and is part of the PSGHS. EAE 'supervised' or EAE 'Accredited' female sheep must not be on the same premises, housed or transported or sold through the same ring as pregnant sheep or ewes that have lambed within the previous four weeks.

SCRAPIE Monitoring Scheme or Scrapie Genotyping

Details on above schemes on website-www.sheepandgoathealth.co.uk

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