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**General Licence No: IMP/GEN/2022/01**

**DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

Animal Health Act 1981

The Importation of Animals Order 1977

The Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this licence issued under Article 3 (2) of the Importation of Animals Order 1977, hereby authorises the landing in England, in accordance with the conditions set out below, of

Sheep and goats

Product

Originating in

Northern Ireland

Country of Origin

At

Any Port or Airport in England

Port of Entry

The England General Import Licence No: IMP/GEN/L/96/2 is hereby revoked. This licence is valid for imports from the date of issue until varied or revoked by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Date: 11/07/2022

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Wallace'.

On behalf of the Secretary of State



## General Requirements

1. All landings of sheep and goats shall be in accordance with the provisions of The Importation of Animals Order 1977, the requirements to retained EU Regulation 1/2005 and of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 (as amended), and the following provisions of this licence.
2. You must notify the arrival of the consignment through IPAFFS (Import of products, animals, food and feed system). You must submit your notification at least one working day before your consignment is due to arrive. You can submit your notification up to 30 days in advance.

## Identification

3. Each animal must be double identified by two eartags or two means of identification, both bearing the same unique identification number in accordance with the retained EC sheep ID regulation 21/2004. The numbers must be visible. For animals born or identified for the first time, after 31/12/2009, one of these means of identification must be electronic (electronic ID – EID), either an electronic eartag or bolus.

## Health Certification

4. Each consignment of sheep/goats must be accompanied by an official health certificate, signed by an official veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland which includes:
  - i) Name address of the consignor and consignee;
  - ii) Name and address of the premises of origin (and if appropriate the approval number of the approved collection centre in Northern Ireland (if this is the premises of origin);
  - iii) Name and address of the destination;
  - iv) Breed, age, official identification number of the animal;
  - v) Authorisation number of transporter, a description of the means of transport, and registration number of the vehicle in which the animals will be transported.

## Sheep and goats for Breeding or Production

4.1 The animals were examined by the OV at the time of consignment to Great Britain and;

- showed no evidence of infectious or contagious disease and were fit to travel.

As far as can be ascertained and following due enquiry of the owner, and his/her Private Veterinary Surgeon and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland which includes:

- The animals do not originate from premises in Northern Ireland subject to animal health restrictions for notifiable diseases of relevance in Great Britain for sheep and goats;
- Are not animals which are to be destroyed under a national contagious or infectious disease eradication programme;
- There has been no clinical, serological, or pathological evidence in any susceptible animals on the premises of origin of sheep and goats to be exported of:
  - i) Brucellosis during the 12 month period immediately prior to export;
  - ii) Scrapie in the last 3 years and immediately prior to export.
  - iii) The animals to be exported were born in and retained since birth in Northern Ireland, or animals were imported according to official Northern Ireland import procedures and have been resident in Northern Ireland for at least 30 days prior to transport.

### **Sheep and Goats for immediate slaughter**

4.2 The animals were examined by the OV at the time of consignment to Great Britain and:

- Show no evidence of infectious or contagious disease and were fit to travel.

As far as can be ascertained and following due enquiry of the owner, and his/her Private Veterinary Surgeon and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland which includes:

- Are not required to be slaughtered under a programme to control or eradicate an infectious or contagious disease;
- Do not originate from premises in Northern Ireland subject to animal health restrictions for notifiable diseases of relevance in Great Britain for sheep and goats.

The animals to be exported were born in and retained since birth in Northern Ireland, or animals were imported according to official Northern Ireland import procedures and have been resident in Northern Ireland for at least 30 days prior to transport.

### **Transport**

5. Consignments must be transported directly from Northern Ireland to Great Britain.
6. In the event of the consignment being delayed or postponed, the APHA office must be advised immediately.
7. The health certification must accompany each consignment to its destination and be retained there for a minimum period of 12 months from presentation to an inspector on request.
8. The importer or other appropriate person in charge of the animals moved under this licence shall comply with any requirement by an officer authorised by the Secretary of State to detail and isolate the animals for the purpose of carrying out identification, sampling and/or testing to determine the presence of the disease.
9. The OV has received a declaration signed by the exporter stating that the sheep and goats to be exported:

- a) Will be moved from the premises of origin to Great Britain in vehicles which, prior to the commencement of loading of the consignment, have been cleansed and disinfected thoroughly with an approved disinfectant; and
  
- b) After consignment from the premises of origin, will be kept separate from animals not similarly certified.

The certificate should indicate that it is valid for 10 days from the date of issue.

### **Caution**

- It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any import covered by this licence complies with the terms and conditions as set out.
- Any breach of any conditions attached to this licence will constitute an offence against the Animal Health Act 1981(as amended).

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