



(Insert Recipients Name and Address)

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Dear Recipient,

Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme: Nomination of a Source Flock

Your flock has been nominated by _____ as one that could potentially contain sheep of an appropriate genotype that could be used as replacement animals in their flock. Under the National Scrapie Plan (NSP) Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme (CSFS) we are able to offer you free genotyping of some animals in your flock. It is intended that sheep with appropriate genotypes will then be sold to the NSP member who nominated you.

Worcester Specialist Service Centre (SSC) would like your agreement to blood sample and genotype selected animals from your flock. This will allow us to identify whether the selected sheep have the genotype that gives the most resistance to scrapie. The blood sampled sheep will be administered an Electronic Identification (EID) in the form of a ruminal bolus. The EID device will be administered by a trained NSP sampler and you will be sent a full list of results and NSP Genotype Certificates (NSP04) for the most resistant animals.

As the owner of the Source Flock you will not be charged for the blood sampling visit, the bolusing or the genotyping of the selected sheep. The enclosed Agreement sets out the Terms and Conditions of this process. Please read them carefully. If you agree to your flock becoming a Source Flock and you agree to the Terms and Conditions then you should sign and return the Agreement to Worcester SSC in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

Worcester SSC in return will send to you an authorised copy of the Agreement with details of the blood sampling visit. Would you please list in the box below the most convenient weeks for an NSP sampler to visit your premises to collect the blood sample, e.g. w/c 26/10/09-02/11/09-23/11/09 etc. Please allow two weeks notice where possible.

For further information on the National Scrapie Plan, please contact our Helpline number on 0345 601 4858 (local call rate charges apply).

Yours sincerely

Scrapie Flocks Team
Worcester Specialist Service Centre

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Agreement with Source Flock Owner - Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme

This Agreement sets out the Terms and Conditions for the Source Flock Owner in relation to the blood sampling, bolusing and certification of nominated sheep with a view to scrapie resistant sheep being sold to Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme members of the National Scrapie Plan.

1. Agreement details

This Agreement is between: _____ in relation to sheep on CPH(H) (Holding) number: _____

Breed:

Owner's Flock description:

Number of genotype tests:

and

Worcester SSC, acting jointly on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister for Environment and Rural Development for the Scottish Government and the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside for the Welsh Government.

2. Terms and Conditions

2.1 Blood sampling visit

2.1.1 Our blood sampling team will visit your premises at a mutually agreed date and time. We will ensure that the samplers who attend to take blood samples and administer Electronic Identity (EID) boluses to your sheep are properly trained and competent to carry out this work.

2.1.2 You must ensure that immediately prior to the visit the sheep to be tested are gathered into a suitable handling facility and that help is available to ensure that the sampling can take place efficiently. Failure to do so may mean that the sampling cannot take place and re-arrangement of a visit cannot be guaranteed.

2.1.3 During the visit, our sampler will record any ear tag, tattoo or mark that you use to identify individual sheep in your flock, in addition to the EID number. Such identification must be clean, clear and unambiguous if it is to be recorded by the sampler. Where individual animals have names you wish to appear on the NSP Genotype Certificate (if applicable) you may ask for these to be recorded instead of, or in addition to any ear tag, tattoo or mark. It is your responsibility to ensure that the sampler has recorded such details accurately.

2.1.4 The sampler will have a supply of numbered ear tags available that can be inserted free of charge and recorded during the visit, should any sheep not have any visible identity when sampled.

It is important to ensure that genotyped animals can easily be identified once the results are available.

2.1.5 You or your representative must be present during the sampling visit as you will be required to sign the Job Sheet to confirm that:

- you are content that the procedure has been carried out satisfactorily, and;
- the sheep have been correctly identified and recorded accurately.

2.1.6 No farm visit will be made to premises on which restrictions (such as movement) have been placed for the purposes of disease control. Similarly, a visit cannot take place if samplers are obliged to travel through an infected area or controlled zone to reach a farm. Where a farm visit

has to be abandoned for such reasons, we shall do our best to re-organise testing after restrictions have been removed.

2.2 Sheep to be tested

2.2.1 During the visit we will blood sample all nominated sheep that could potentially have scrapie resistant genotypes as detailed in Section 1.

2.3 Electronic Identification (EID)

2.3.1 We will apply an EID device to all sheep blood sampled. This will be a bolus, which is administered orally and lodges in the rumen of each animal for the purposes of secure identification.

2.3.2 If a sheep is injured or dies as a result of any part of the blood sampling or EID device application process, we will pay reasonable compensation to the owner for this loss. This is provided an impartial veterinary surgeon has provided satisfactory evidence to prove that the injury or death was the direct result of this procedure. Compensation will not exceed the independently assessed market value of the animal. The carcass must be provided for post mortem examination.

2.4 Genotype results

2.4.1 We shall aim to issue a Genotype Results Summary to you and also to the Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme member who nominated you within 15 working days of the blood sampling visit.

2.5 Disputed genotype results

2.5.1 If you have reasonable grounds to dispute an NSP genotype result, we undertake to check and/or resample an animal to verify its genotype where appropriate. The results of check tests will normally be made available to you within seven working days; resample results within 15 working days of the actual resample of the sheep.

2.6 NSP Genotype Certificates

2.6.1 We shall issue an NSP Genotype Certificate for sheep with Types 1 and 2 genotypes. See table below.

NSP GENOTYPES TABLE

Genotype result	Type	Degree of resistance/susceptibility
ARR / ARR	1	Sheep that are genetically most resistant to scrapie. An NSP Genotype Certificate will be issued.
ARR / AHQ ARR / ARH ARR / ARQ	2	Sheep that are genetically resistant to scrapie, but will need careful selection when used for further breeding. An NSP Genotype Certificate will be issued. Type 2 rams are not suitable for sale into the Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme. Type 2 ewes can be sold into a flock under CSFS restrictions.
AHQ / AHQ AHQ / ARH AHQ / ARQ ARH / ARH ARH / ARQ ARQ / ARQ	3	Sheep that genetically have little resistance to scrapie and are not suitable for sale into the Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme.
ARR / VRQ	4	Sheep that are genetically susceptible to scrapie and are not suitable for sale into the Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme.
AHQ / VRQ ARH / VRQ ARQ / VRQ VRQ / VRQ	5	Sheep that are highly susceptible to scrapie and are not suitable for sale into the Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme.

2.6.2 You must complete Section 4 of the NSP Genotype Certificate following the sale of the specified animal and send it promptly to Worcester SSC at:

Worcester SSC

Animal and Plant Health Agency
Block C
Government Buildings
Whittington Road
Worcester
WR5 2LQ

2.7 Costs

2.8.1 Blood sampling, bolusing, results and certification will be carried out free of charge. However, these procedures will be carried out on the understanding that suitable Type 1 rams and Types 1 and 2 ewes will be sold to the NSP member who nominated you. If you fail to proceed with the sale, Worcester SSC, on behalf of the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government and the Department of Environment, Planning and Countryside for the Welsh Government, reserves the right to recover the costs incurred.

2.8 Contract Agreement

2.9.1 A copy of this Agreement signed by both parties will be sent to you.

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3. Declaration

I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement and I agree to abide them.

Signature
Name in BLOCK LETTERS Date

Data Protection Act 1998

The details you have supplied and the genotype test results will be held by Defra on a database. The genotype test results will be sent to you and also to the Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme member who nominated you. We may also make anonymous statistical data available to the National Sheep Association, breed societies and to bona fide researchers.

4. Agreement authorised (For official use only)

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister for Environment and Rural Development for the Scottish Government and the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside for the Welsh Government

Signature
Code Date

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