

New 2015 EID rules for Sheep Keepers in England

Slaughter lambs tagged 1st January onwards must be identified by an EID tag – this can be:

- A single yellow EID slaughter tag, or
- Full EID – one yellow EID tag and a matching non-EID tag.

This change does not apply to lambs already tagged in 2014.

Lambs/Hoggs with a plastic non EID slaughter tag all tagged with the same flock number can be recorded in the market by ourselves. If lots containing multiple non EID tags are entered for sale then it is not possible to read all the separate tags, however it is your responsibility to record all your own off movements of individual numbers for your records and flock book as this can affect you if your holding is inspected and in turn your BPS.

If you are consigning Hoggs with multiple batch non EID tags we suggest retagging with single slaughter EID tags, which you must then cross reference in your flock book to the original tag numbers. This will make recording your off movements of Hoggs easier when selling large numbers and we will be able to supply a full list of tag numbers with your cheque.

Recording Movements of Older Sheep – Tagged pre 2010

- From 1st January 2015 their individual animal numbers must be entered on movement documents.
- This does not apply if they are moving:
 - To slaughter including our Tuesday RED MARKET
 - Within your business to a holding where you are there keeper
 - To a CPRC – if they are already EID Tagged.
- These animals can still be batch recorded in your holding register
- We recommend you re-tag these animals with EID tags (these should be cross referenced in your flock book) if you do not intend to move them direct to slaughter or our RED MARKET.

Reporting Movements

You must by law report moves onto your holding within 3 days

This applies even when we send notification of the movement from our system, this is why you are provided with two copies of the licence as you must send one copy to ARAMS to confirm the movement we have recorded and the other is for your files.

DEFRA are suggesting all farmers register online with the new Animal Reporting and Movement Service (ARAMS), this removes any need to write our movement documents by hand as the system will print them for you and means all movements on can be completed online as opposed to posting off a copy of your licence. In addition the system will in time provide an electronic register to record your tags, replacements tags etc.

More detail can be found @ www.arams.co.uk