

SCRAPIE MONITORING SCHEME

(Three Year Scrapie Monitored)

As Operated by Scottish Agricultural College (SAC)

Application for *Registration/Renewal

*Delete as appropriate

Please read the enclosed Rules and Notes for Guidance

- To the Owner
- Please keep original of this document
 - Please send copy to Official Veterinarian (OV)
 - Please send copy to SAC (PSGHS, Drummondhill, Stratherrick Road, Inverness IV2 4JZ)

■ Section A – Details of premises

Name of *flock/herd owner

Full postal address
Postcode:

Telephone No:

Mobile:

Email:

Website:

Holding(s) where *flock/herd is kept (if different from above)

County, Parish, Holding(s) No:
(of *flock/herd(s))

*Flock/Herd mark(s)

Breed(s)

**■ Section B – Declaration by the Owner/*Agent/*Keeper of the Animals
(See Abridged Notes for Guidance attached)**

I,

being the *owner/agent in charge of the *flock/herd detailed above do declare that a copy of the Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme have been sent to me or have otherwise been made available to me via SAC's website. I acknowledge that the abridged guidance notes attached to this application do not constitute the full Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme. I further declare that:

- a) in respect of the holding(s) above that during the past three years:
 - i) at least once each year all animals on the holding have been inspected by an Official Veterinarian (see rules para 4),
 - ii) the *sheep and *goats on the holding(s) are identified in conformity with National legislation; all animals are individually identified and that movements of all individual animals (both live and dead) on and off the holding(s) are recorded (see rules para 5),
 - iii) ovine and caprine animals, with the exception of sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, are introduced on to the holding only if they come from a holding which complies with the requirements of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme¹ (see rules para 6),
 - iv) no case of scrapie has been confirmed (see rules para 3),
 - v) all fallen sheep/goats over the age of 18 months have been submitted for examination for scrapie in accordance with the scheme rules (see rules para 9). The following animals have been submitted for TSE testing in the last three years:

(please provide details on a separate sheet if further space is needed)

Date Submitted	Animal Identification	Age	Laboratory where examined or fallen stock survey reference number	Test Type if known	Test Result

- b) I agree to abide by the Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme notwithstanding the foregoing. If the holding(s) cease(s) to comply with the scheme rules, I will notify SAC of this and surrender my certificate of registration accordingly.
- c) I have read and retained a copy of the scheme rules and agree to my details being released to other parties. Yes No

Signed Status

If other, specify _____

Date of application

¹ The Scrapie Monitoring Scheme previously operated by Defra and which was transferred to SAC on 1 January 2009 provides an assurance that the sheep flock or goat herd on a holding has complied with the scrapie monitoring requirements of Annex VIII of Regulation EC 999/2001 (as amended).

THIS SECTION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED ONCE THE FLOCK/HERD IS MONITORED FOR 3 YEARS (See abridged Notes for Guidance attached)

■ Section C – Certificate of Official Veterinarian

I, certify that the flock/herd on the above holding(s) has:

a) been under the care of an Official Veterinarian (OV) since (see rules para 4)

b) been inspected by a OV at least annually on the dates when the numbers of *sheep/goats/sheep and goats over 18 months of age were as follows (see rules para 4). (For new applications give dates for 3 years).

Number of adults	Date of Inspection				
	Males over 18 mths of age	Females over 18 mths of age	Day	Month	Year
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c) I have examined the movement records and the registration certificates which accompanied all the *sheep/goats/sheep and goats moved onto the premises in the *three year/one year period prior to the date of this application and I am satisfied that all these animals originated from Scrapie Monitored *flocks/herds (see rules para 5 et seq);

d) All *sheep/goats are individually marked so as to allow the origin of all animals to be determined and all movements of individual animals on and off the holding(s) are recorded (see rules para 5);

e) I have examined the records of movements of fallen stock and records of TSE testing for all fallen stock over 18 months of age in the *three year/one year period prior to the date of application and I am satisfied that TSE testing has been carried out as required by scheme rules (see rules para 9);

f) No case of scrapie has been confirmed in this *flock/herd in the past three years (see rules para 3);

g) *Flocks/herds referred to on this application do not reside in buildings or on grazing with animals of lesser status.

h) All animals in the *flock/herd will be inspected by the certifying official veterinarian within the 30 day period prior to each export to confirm freedom from signs of scrapie.

Authorised Official Veterinarian

Signature:

Name in BLOCK letters:

OV Number:

Date:

Address

Telephone No:
(including national dialling code)

*Delete as appropriate

■ Section D – Only for completion by the owner/manager/agent where fallen stock have not been submitted for TSE testing

I,

Of

confirm that in the **period covered by this application to join/renew membership of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme no sheep or goats over 18 months of age have died on farm or in transit and have been suitable for examination (e.g. any such animals may have been unsuitable due to decomposition);

Signed Status

If other, specify _____

Date

Official Veterinarian's Declaration

I, , being the supervising

Official Veterinarian for the flock/herd noted above, confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the written Section D declaration above is correct.

Authorised Official Veterinarian

Signature:

Name in BLOCK letters:

OV Number:

Date:

Address
Postcode

Telephone No:
(including national dialling code)

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** 3 years for a new application; 1 year for an application for renewal.

Abridged notes giving guidance as to completion of an application for registration/renewal for membership of the SAC Scrapie Monitoring Scheme. Please read the full Rules and Conditions for the scheme which have been sent to you or visit SAC's website.

- 1. General:** The rules of the SAC Scrapie Monitoring Scheme (SMS) are designed to facilitate certification of scrapie monitoring of holdings for intra-community trade in Sheep and Goats for breeding in accordance with the rules of Regulation EC 999/2001 as amended.
- 2. Certification** must be provided by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Animal Health Agency to an export certification and notifiable disease panel. The OV must ensure that there is sufficient detail of the flock/herd veterinary history and animal movement records, animal by-product (carcase) records and TSE testing records to enable the declaration to be signed.
- 3. Declaration of holding(s) freedom from scrapie.** SAC will obtain authorisation from the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) that the holding is certified free from both classical and atypical scrapie for 3 years. This authorisation will be provided to the owner. If the farmer/OV suspects that an animal in his / her care is affected with scrapie this must be reported to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM). If scrapie is confirmed, the DVM will notify the OV, who should withdraw and cancel the original certificate, if it has already been issued and inform SAC.
- 4. Monitoring.** A minimum monitoring period of 3 years is required on the holding(s) for new applications and renewals. All sheep and goats in the flock/herd on the holding(s) must have been inspected by an OV at least once a year over the period of certification. It is not necessary for the whole flock/herd to be gathered together on one particular day for inspection, although this may be a convenient method of achieving the inspection requirement. The flock/herd inspection may be carried out in the course of more than one visit during the year provided that the OV can satisfy him/herself that all groups or hefts comprising the flock/herd have been inspected within a 12 month period.
- 5. Animal identification.** All sheep and goats must be individually and uniquely identified in accordance with National legislation. In addition, to allow checks on movements of individual animals, all movements of sheep and goats on and off the holding must be individually recorded. Records must also be provided for dead sheep and goats moved off the holding as required under the Animal By-Products Regulation (ABPR) 2005.
- 6. Movements on and off the holding.** With the exception of sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, for all sheep and goats which are moved onto the holding in the three years prior to the application date, the owner must obtain certification from the previous owner to show that the previous holding complied with the scheme requirements at the time the animals were moved from the holding. Individual movement records must be provided.

7. The OV must examine the movement records and the veterinary certificates which accompanied all animals moved on to the premises in the three years prior to the date of application. Until 30 June 2004, this requirement only applied to females. From 1 July 2004, farmers had to work towards applying this to males and since 1 July 2007, this requirement has applied to **both** males and females.

8. **Movements to and from shows, sales and other places** such as Artificial Insemination Centres are permitted provided the animals are segregated from other stock in accordance with the rules referred to in Annex 1 of the Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme. If animals from the flock / herd have been taken to shows or sales the owner must provide movement records to corroborate this and if necessary must provide copies of declarations by show / sale organisers if segregated shows or sales approved by the local DVM have been attended.

9. **TSE testing of fallen stock²**. All sheep and goats over 18 months on a scrapie monitored holding, which have died, been killed on the holding or which have died in transit must be examined for scrapie. The animals which must be tested excludes any animals killed in the framework of a disease eradication campaign (eg for the control of FMD) or animals which are fit for human consumption (including those killed on the holding).

² The current EU Regulation requires TSE testing of fallen stock over 18 months of age. Until 30 June 2007 the EU requirement for TSE testing was that *"checking by sampling of old female animals intended for slaughter is carried out"*. Defra interpreted this to mean that that 1 per 100 adult females over 2 years of age from the flock / herd which was slaughtered or adult fallen stock had to be TSE tested.

Checklist For Official Veterinarian

OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN CHECKLIST/SUPPORT DOCUMENT FOR COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL OF THE SCRAPIE MONITORING SCHEME

This checklist/support document should be completed by the Official Veterinarian (OV) before s/he completes Section C (and if appropriate Section D) of the application form.

Name of the owner and address of the holding/collection centre to which the application refers:

Name:
Address of owner:
Address of (proposed) SMS holding (if different):

I hereby certify that I have made due enquiries and that the answers to the following questions are as follows (please tick):

	YES	NO
1 Has the applicant been a member of the SMS in the last 12 months? Do they have a certificate of previous membership? (In which case the applicant will have complied with the conditions of membership for the three years prior to the current application). Either way, you must have evidence that the Flock and Holding have complied with the conditions of the scheme for the last three years.		
2 Has the applicant completed the owner's declarations on page two (and four if appropriate) of the application form? The owner's declarations must be completed before the OV can complete the form.		
3 Has the applicant provided you with the results of all private TSE tests or results of TSE tests under the National Fallen Stock (NFS) Survey in the last three years? Results of TSE tests under the NFS would have been provided to the applicant by SAC. Have you checked the dates of these tests and that the animals originated from the applicant's Flock and that the animals were fallen stock over 18 months of age as explained in the scheme rules?		
4 Have you checked that the number of TSE tests in each of the last three years is consistent with the size of the Flock? Have you checked the farm records for disposal of carcasses under the Animal By-Products Regulation?		

	YES	NO
5 If the number of TSE tests in the last three years is not consistent with the size of the Flock has the owner provided information to explain this?		
6 Have all the animals in the Flock been inspected by an OV for clinical evidence of scrapie at least once every year in each of the last three years?		
7 Are you aware of any reports of confirmed scrapie in any Animals in this Flock or Animals originating from this Flock in the last three years?		
8 Are all Animals individually identified and have they been individually identified for the last three years?		
9 Are the movements of all individual animals on and off the Holding in the last three years recorded and have you checked the movement records?		
10 Has the applicant provided evidence that Animals moved onto the Holding in the last three years have complied with the rules of the scheme?		
11 If the Animals moved onto the Holding in the last three years included any that had been at shows or sales, has the owner provided evidence that those shows or sales complied with the rules of the scheme?		
Comments:		

OV Stamp

Signed.....RCVS

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Name in block letters

Date

Address.....

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Before signing the application form the OV must ensure that s/he has duly completed this checklist. This checklist **MUST** be sent to SAC with the completed application form. The OV must keep a copy for record keeping purposes for a period of three years.