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### **Animal Health (Importation of Miscellaneous Goods and Animals) (Jersey) Order 2017**

#### **CONDITIONS OF IMPORT FOR SHEEP & GOATS**

1. The animal health and welfare section of the department must be notified in writing, of the exact date and time of import\* at least 1 working day prior to arrival. The notification form should be emailed to [Pets@gov.je](mailto:Pets@gov.je)
2. The following documents must accompany the animals at the time of importation:
  - 'Isolation Premises Approval Certificate' from the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment in Jersey
  - 'Export of Sheep & Goats for Breeding to Jersey Health Certificate, from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, (DEFRA), UK or island Authority if from the Bailiwick of Guernsey or Isle of Man.
  - Import Licence from the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment in Jersey.
3. The animal(s) to be imported must be clearly and permanently identified by means of an individual ear tag in each ear permitting tracing of their premises of origin and complying with national requirements for export in the UK or Island Authority.
4. The animals to be imported must be accompanied by an original health certificate including a schedule giving details of the individual ear numbers, breed, sex, and age of animals to which it relates and the registration number of the vehicle in which the animals are being transported to Jersey. The health certificate and schedule must be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) UK or Island Authority.
5. The transport vehicle must be cleansed to remove all visible organic matter and disinfected with a disinfectant approved by Defra before loading the animals.
6. During transport the imported animals must not come into contact with animals that are not certified as being of the same health status.
7. Landing must take place at the Port of St Helier. On arrival the States Veterinary Officer must be informed on the next working day so that an inspection can be arranged.
8. Immediately after landing, the imported animals must be removed direct to their approved isolation premises as shown on the import licence.
9. All imported animals from flocks or herds not SAC MV/CAE accredited must remain isolated and be tested not less than six months after importation and before eight months after importation for Maedi Visna/CAE, with negative results, prior to release from isolation. *See 13 below.*
10. All imported animals originating from SAC MV/CAE accredited free flocks or herds must be isolated for a period of not less than four weeks prior to release from isolation.
11. If the holding you are importing from is in a Bluetongue restriction zone (Protection/ Surveillance Zone – PZ/SZ) then the animals must comply with the requirements in Annex III of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1266/2007.

12. During the period of isolation, all imported animals must be blood sampled and tested for Border Disease, with negative results, prior to release from isolation. See 13 below.
13. Release from isolation can only take place following receipt of written authorisation from the States Veterinary Officer.
14. This Import Licence, unless revoked by the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment, will remain valid for a period of 3 months from the date of issue and must accompany the imported animals, along with the Health Certificate to the destination premises. Both documents should be retained by the importer for 12 months.

\* a notification form is available from the department or our website

#### **Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016**

##### **You must also comply with Article 25 – (Requirements for Specific Licences)**

- (1) Where a licence is granted under any relevant legislation it must be in writing and may be –
  - (a) either of general application (a “general licence”) or specific to any particular animal, bird, person, premises or any other thing or particular situation (a “specific licence”);
  - (b) subject to conditions; and
  - (c) amended, suspended or revoked in writing at any time.
- (2) A person moving an animal or bird or thing under the authority of a **specific licence** must –
  - (a) carry the licence or a copy of it at all times during the movement;
  - (b) when so demanded by an inspector, produce the licence or a copy of it and allow a copy to be taken of it or details to be extracted from it; and
  - (c) retain the licence relating to each movement for at least 6 months after the last movement made under its authority.
- (3) (This paragraph has been deleted as it refers to “general licences”)
- (4) If an animal, bird or thing has been moved to premises under a licence, an inspector may serve a notice on the occupier of those premises imposing such restrictions in relation to the premises as the inspector considers are necessary to reduce the risk of spreading disease.
- (5) A person to whom a licence is granted under any relevant legislation must comply with any conditions of the licence.

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#### **Notes –**

1. Licences granted under the Order must be in writing and may, in addition to any conditions required by the Order, be made subject to such conditions as the Minister considers necessary to protect animal health.
2. Any person to whom a requirement in a licence under the Order applies must:
  - a. comply with the licence requirement, and
  - b. comply with any reasonable requests which an inspector may make of them to ensure the requirement is met.
3. If a person contravenes any provision of the Order or condition of this licence an inspector may take such steps as he or she considers necessary to ensure that the provision is not further contravened or that its requirements are carried out. The Minister may reclaim the cost of any steps so taken from the person who contravened the requirement and enforce the claim as a debt owed to the Minister.
4. The cost of pre-export and post-import disease testing, veterinary certification, post-import isolation and transport will be at the importer’s expense.
5. All the pre and post arrival testing for Border Disease must be carried out at;  
**Address:** SAC Consulting Veterinary Services, Allan Watt Building, Bush Estate, Penicuik EH26 0QE  
**Telephone:** [0131 535 3145](tel:01315353145)  
**Fax:** 0131 535 3131  
**E-mail:** [vcedinburgh@sac.co.uk](mailto:vcedinburgh@sac.co.uk)

SAC has provided a link to the form for sample submission.

[https://www.sruc.ac.uk/downloads/file/196/farm\\_animal\\_services\\_submission\\_form](https://www.sruc.ac.uk/downloads/file/196/farm_animal_services_submission_form)

**The certifying veterinary surgeon is advised to contact SAC to discuss submission and reporting timescale.**

6. In the case of any non-compliance following post-import checks, it shall be the owner's responsibility to contact the States Veterinary Officer to offer an explanation. **Where such an explanation is not satisfactory the consignment may be re-exported or slaughtered and disposed of at the importer's expense.**
7. **Animals which develop disease or prove positive to tests, carried out during the period of post-import isolation, and all other animals within the isolation group, may be required to be tested, treated or slaughtered and disposed of, as directed by the States Veterinary Officer, at the importer's expense and is not eligible for compensation.**

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