

GUIDANCE NOTES TO CONSIGNORS

- **Food Chain Declaration - Veterinary Medical Withdrawals** : From 1st January 2010 new legislation comes into force requiring slaughterhouse operators to receive, check and act upon food chain information. To comply with these new requirements we have modified our movement documents for all classes of stock coming to market to include the necessary declarations on food chain information. This will allow us to pass on this information which must accompany all animals to slaughter and for Store Stock to pass on Medical withdrawal information.

Unless otherwise stated at the time of sale (either by the auctioneer, on the catalogue or the display screens) all livestock are sold as having completed all withdrawal periods for any veterinary medicines they have received. For any animals under treatment the details must be completed in the movement declaration form. It is the responsibility of the buyer to ensure that any animal destined for the food chain are outwith any withdrawal periods.

We ask for your cooperation to ensure that a new movement document incorporating food chain information is used to accompany all livestock to market.

New forms are available from the Mart Office, Auctioneers, or can be downloaded from www.goanm.co.uk.

- **Farm Assurance** : Animals offered for sale as Scotch Assured (**SA**) are warranted by the vendor as having complied with QMS Certification Standards including having been born and reared on farm assured holdings in Scotland.

Animals sold as Farm Assured (**FA**) are only warranted by the vendor as being offered for sale from a Farm Assured Holding.

Please ensure that, where appropriate, a **Farm Assured Sticker is applied to the MOVEMENT DOCUMENT AND ALL RELEVANT PASSPORTS.**

- **Passports** : Unless otherwise indicated by the vendor all movements will be notified electronically to BCMS by the Market under the General Licence. Do not send movement cards to BCMS. Do not duplicate the notifications to BCMS electronically with your own IT System. Please ensure that this completed and signed Movement Document together with the relevant passports travel with the animals to market. Remember all passports must be signed and dated.

- **Cattle Identification Regulations 1998** : It is an offence to move cattle off your farm if they are not correctly tagged. Cattle discovered in market with only one ear tag which require to be double tagged will be licenced out of the Market by the Local Authority Inspector. All cattle born after 01.01.98 must be double tagged, (one tag in each ear) before leaving your holding. Please ensure that Ear Tags are clean, easily readable and if required excess hair around the tag clipped.