

Food Chain Information Declaration

From 1st January 2010 new legislation comes into force requiring slaughterhouse operators to receive, check and act upon food chain information. This forms part of a whole chain farm to fork approach to the management of food safety. 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 this information on which must accompany all animals to slaughter.

At prime stock sales a Food Chain Declaration **MUST** accompany all livestock to market. All classes of store stock, including feeding cows and sheep should also be accompanied by a Food Chain Declaration as this is required for the trading of forward conditioned animals, some of which may be short keep. This is important for animals which have been in the producer's care for a short period, particularly in relation to withdrawn periods for veterinary medicines.

All our movement documents have also been modified to accommodate this and allow us to pass on medical withdrawal information when required. Please note sheep will require two documents, the Scottish Government SAMU Movement Document and our Movement Document incorporating the Food Chain Information Declaration.

We ask for your cooperation to ensure that a new movement document incorporating food chain information is used to accompany all livestock to market from 1st January.

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

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Please see further guidance for livestock keepers on Food Chain Information from the Food Standards Agency overleaf.

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Guidance on Food Chain Information for Keepers of Cattle, Sheep

The holding is not under movement restriction for bovine Tuberculosis (TB)*

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- This information is required only for cattle.
- Reactors or inconclusive reactors to a TB test must be accompanied by specific movement licences.

Cattle/sheep and goats on the holding are not under movement restrictions for animal disease or public health reasons (excluding a 6-day [Scotland 13 day] standstill).

- Information about routine 6/13-day standstills is **not** required.

Withdrawal periods have been observed for all veterinary medicines and other treatments administered to the animals while on this holding and previous holdings.

- Animals that are within a withdrawal period for veterinary medicines administered to them must not be sent for slaughter for human consumption.
- For purchased animals, you must obtain information about unexpired medicine withdrawal periods from the seller to enable you to make this declaration
- All types of medicines must be considered, including dry cow tubes, pulse release wormers, pour-on medicines, injectable parasiticides and sheep dips.
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To the best of my knowledge the animals are not showing signs of any disease or condition that may affect the safety of meat derived from them.

- Slaughterhouse operators can only accept animals that are healthy, as far as they can judge. In this context, healthy means free from signs of a generalised disease or condition.
- Animals with a localised condition may be considered healthy and may be sent to a slaughterhouse. Localised conditions may cause contamination of meat and affect its safety, or may result in the exclusion of part of the carcass from the food chain.
- Additional FCI should be provided for **cattle, lambs and young goats** showing signs of conditions that may affect the safety of meat
- Localised conditions are often present in **adult sheep (ewes and rams) and goats** - slaughterhouse operators routinely apply measures to protect the safety of meat to take account of this. Provided the sheep are otherwise healthy, you may make this declaration for adult sheep with localised conditions, and you are not required to provide additional FCI for such adult sheep.
- Additional FCI may be provided in the form of the enclosed model document.
- If you are in doubt about whether to provide information about a condition, or about the eligibility of animals for slaughter for human consumption, you should seek the advice of your veterinary surgeon or the slaughterhouse operator.
- Under animal welfare legislation, animals may not be transported if the transport is likely to cause unnecessary suffering.

No analysis of samples taken from animals on the holding or other samples has shown that the animals in this consignment may have been exposed to any disease or condition that may affect the safety of meat or to substances likely to result in residues in meat.

- Any results of tests on animals, feed or the environment that have shown the presence on the holding of organisms transmissible to man through the consumption of meat (e.g. Salmonella) or contaminants (e.g. lead) should be reported as additional FCI.
- Information about historical events that are no longer relevant to the safety of meat from the animals in the consignment is not required.
- In any case of doubt you should seek the advice of your veterinary surgeon or the slaughterhouse operator.