



11th May, 2011.

Dear Member,

Ram Inspections

Enclosed with this letter are the appropriate forms for you to complete to have your shearling rams inspected (rams born in 2010) and also a list of venues and dates. **Please note the closing dates – these are the final dates and must be adhered to**, otherwise it will be impossible to order and get the official Society tags ready for the Inspector. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note:

1. All shearling rams that you wish to register **must** be inspected first.
2. If you wish to sell a shearling ram at one of the official Society Sales then that animal must be inspected and passed before you are allowed to enter. (Please see clause 3 for ram lambs).
3. Ram lambs will **not** be inspected during the official ram inspection period but members wishing to sell through a Society Sale will have to send an application with their sale entry form, plus the inspection/registration fee, and then arrangements will be made for that ram lamb to be inspected on the morning of that sale.
4. A member wishing to use a ram lamb in his own flock or to sell privately will be issued a provisional certificate but the ram will have to be inspected as a shearling for full registration. For provisional registration to be granted – the ram registration form and the full fee of £25/35 euros + VAT must have been paid. (These forms will be available on request from the Secretary).
5. All rams presented for inspection **must be bare clipped after 1st May 2011, and before the date of inspection.**
6. Regarding the sale of rams at the NSA Ram Sale at Builth Wells the following conditions will be in place:
 - (i) only late developed rams (i.e. rams which have been put 'on hold' by the Ram Inspector during the first period) will be inspected at this sale.
 - (ii) in view of (i) above, could members note that you **must** have all rams that you intend to sell at the above sale, inspected at one of the venues listed on the attached list, otherwise you will **not** be allowed to enter them for the sale.
7. Members will be given the choice of inserting the Society tag (if passed) in the ram's right ear themselves in the presence of the Ram Inspector or the Ram Inspector will insert the tag himself.

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8. Members with any concern for tagging can insert a dummy tag in the **right ear** before hand, and if passed, remove the dummy tag and replace with a Society tag. It is recommended that you put the dummy tag in the ram's ear well before the inspection date in order that it has had time to heal. If you wish to remove the dummy tag yourself prior to Inspection then please do so as it would save time on the day.
9. The fee for inspecting/registration of rams will be an all in fee of £25.00/35.00 euro + VAT inclusive.
Please note:
 - (i) That the above fee is non-returnable on rams which have failed the inspection.
 - (ii) £10/14 euro + VAT will be refunded for rams not presented for inspection.
 - (iii) In an instance where a ram is not forward on health reasons, provided that a Veterinary Certificate covers that ram for the day of inspection, then that ram can be taken to an agreed Society Sale for inspection. This arrangement would have to be agreed with the Secretary five days prior to that sale date.
10. For those of you who had their ram lambs provisionally registered during Autumn 2010, please make sure that:
 - (a) you make the necessary application for them to be inspected in the first period in 2011 otherwise their progeny will not be eligible for registration in 2012.
 - (b) you send the provisional certificate back to me with the application for inspection.

AS YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID IN 2010 THERE IS NO FEE DUE TO BE PAID FOR A PROVISIONAL REGISTERED RAM TO BE UPGRADED TO FULL REGISTRATION.
11. Rams not included on the Ram Inspector's list will **not** be inspected.
12. The Inspector will **not** accept applications/substitutes on the day of inspection.
13. All members must adhere to the regulations governing the loading and unloading of maedi visna accredited and non-accredited rams. A **valid** maedi visna certificate must be presented to the Ram Inspector's Clerk **before** unloading the rams.
14. All rams must be properly ear marked in accordance with DEFRA regulations and Society requirements.
15. If the Inspector has no tag for a ram then that ram **cannot** be inspected on that day.

NO SOCIETY TAG – NO INSPECTION

In an event of a member, or his agent, wishing to appeal against the Inspector's decision, then the Ram Inspector will appoint three full members of the Society to undertake the appeal inspection on the inspection day where possible. If it cannot be done on the day it will be held as soon as possible after the original inspection on the owner's farm. Please note that neither the Ram Inspector nor the Assistant Inspector will be part of the Appeal Panel and the animal will be inspected by three other members of the Society as stated above.

In an event of an appeal the following should be adhered to:

- (1) Each member has the right to appeal against the Inspector's decision **BUT** the member or his representative must make that decision when the animal is rejected. (Note – an appeal can only be accepted on the inspection day).

- (2) You will ask the Ram Inspector for an appeal form to convey that you wish to appeal against his decision. **Section A and B on the form must be completed and signed before the appeal can take place and return to the Inspector on the day of inspection.**
- (3) An appeal fee of £100/140 euro + V.A.T. is payable on any ram that is rejected by the Appeal Panel. The Secretary will invoice the member within 5 days of the inspection day. This fee will have to be paid **before** you can enter animals to the sales/register ewe lambs etc.

Ewe lamb registrations

Enclosed is a form for you to register this year's crop of ewe lambs – please note :

1. that you **must** register ewe lambs which you intend selling at one of the Society sales at the time of entering to the sale;
2. that the closing date for receiving applications to register ewe lambs born in 2011 is **31st December, 2011.**

Yours sincerely.

Secretary