

Scrapie Monitoring Scheme - Exports Guidance

The Scrapie Monitoring Scheme (SMS) is an export certification scheme run by the Scotland's Rural College (SRUC). This includes the new temporary qualifying status within SMS to support movements from GB to Northern Ireland.

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) administers an SMS in GB as part of the SRUCs Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes. The scheme is called the SRUC Scrapie Monitoring Scheme (SRUC SMS).

To facilitate the continued movement of breeding sheep and goats from Great Britain to Northern Ireland a new temporary Scrapie Qualifying Status (SQS) has been created within the pre-existing Scrapie Monitoring Scheme (SMS). Further information on SRUC SQS can be found on SRUC website: [scrapie-monitoring-scheme-qualifying-notes.pdf \(sruc.ac.uk\)](https://www.sruc.ac.uk/scrapie-monitoring-scheme-qualifying-notes.pdf)

For the purpose of this guidance, reference to SMS refers to SQS, unless specified separately in relation to segregation requirements and approval of sales and shows. SMS Negligible and Controlled Risk animals are Scrapie Monitored (SM). SQ status animals are members of the SMS but are non-Monitored.

One Health Customer Service Centre (CSC) will be informed of positive scrapie results arising from SMS fallen stock guidance

samples sent from fallen stock must

animals of different scrapie status (non-SMS, Qualifying, Controlled Risk and Negligible Risk) must not come into nose-to-nose contact with animals of a lower scrapie status at any time

if lambings, kiddings or abortions occur, the scrapie status of animals at the show and their premises of origin (if they return) is not jeopardised

the approved accommodation for the animals from monitored premises is separated from that of animals not on the register by a solid division or a fixed two metre stock free zone (which may contain other species such as cattle or pigs)

try to limit the effect of such lambings, kiddings or abortions, the Show Secretary must report them immediately to the local APHA office to allow a visit to the showground by APHA who will then conduct an inquiry and more easily identify those animals put at risk

An APHA Veterinarian will carry out spot checks on shows or sales to check the above procedures are being followed (a level of one shows or sales per local area per year is suggested).

Exporting of animals directly from a show or sale:

for the direct export of sheep or goats from the market, show or sale to another Member State, the premises must be an Assembly Centre. Assembly Centres have additional requirements to the requirements for dedicated and segregated at shows/sales (e.g. Assembly Centres are only permitted on paved areas)

inform organisers they will be required to apply to the local APHA office and request the event will be inspected, approved and registered a minimum of six weeks before the event

Animals attending non-approved shows and sales outside the window: