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Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate
Animal Health and Welfare Division

The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (Scotland) Order 2009

Official notice to complete the Sheep and Goat Annual Inventory

Background

Under article 24 of The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (Scotland) Order 2009 ("the Order") ([1]), a keeper who keeps any animal of the ovine or caprine species permanently must make an annual inventory of the number of animals on that keeper's holding within 30 days of a date specified by the Scottish Ministers. That is for the purposes of Article 7(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 21/2004 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals ("the Council Regulation") ([2]). Under article 25 of the Order, the information relating to the annual inventory required for the purposes of Article 7(2) of the Council Regulation must be provided by the keeper of the animal to the Scottish Ministers, in such manner and form as the Scottish Ministers may specify, within 30 days.

Specification of the date for annual inventory, and manner and form of supply of information

The Scottish Ministers specify the date, within 30 days of which the annual inventory must be made, in accordance with article 24 of the Order, as **1 December each year until further notice is given**. The Scottish Ministers specify that the manner and form in which the information is to be supplied is online submission using a dedicated section of the ScotEID website: https://www.scoteid.com/

Keeper Requirements

All keepers of animals of the ovine or caprine species (hereinafter referred to as 'sheep and goats) must submit to the Scottish Ministers, through the above method, the total number of sheep and goats kept by them on each holding that they use.

Where a keeper has both sheep and goats, the inventory will require this 'total' to be split to enable a return for each species i.e. 'Total number of sheep/Total number of Goats' on each holding used by a keeper.

([1]) S.S.I. 2009/414
([2]) EUR 2004/21

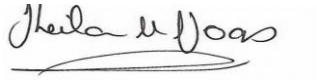
Following the making of this notice, the inventory will be open each year from 1 December until 11:59 pm on 30 January each following year. Late returns submitted after 30 January for the relevant period will not be accepted.

Keepers must be registered with ScotEID to complete the inventory. During the inventory period, keepers will be able to access their return at any time to view, update, and submit their information.

Keepers who do not have an email address should contact ScotEID on 01466794323.

Failure to make an annual inventory within 30 days of 1 December, a failure to supply the inventory in the manner and form specified within 30 days of making the inventory, or furnishing information which that person knows to be false or misleading may be an offence under section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981, liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.

Signed:



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