

201117 – Webinar follow-up Q&A:

Impact of Brexit on pedigree breed societies

General DEFRA questions:

1. One of the slides indicated that carcasses would need to be certified free from diseases, the layout of the slide suggested that they would need to be MV accredited? Have I read that wrong?

Alison G & team: The slide covered live sheep and goats intended for export for breeding and production and germplasm (semen, ova, embryos). Maedi Visna is one of the diseases for which Official Veterinarians will need to certify that the disease has not been clinically detected at the holding at which sheep/goats spend the required period of residency prior to export. The Centre for International Trade, Carlisle (CIT) will also need to undertake checks on the Animal and Plant Health Agency's Veterinary Investigation Diagnosis Analysis (VIDA) database to determine if, within the specified time, the disease has been diagnosed on the holding. There is no requirement for animals to be Maedi Visna accredited. However, where the owner/exporter can prove membership of a premium Scotland Rural College (SRUC) scheme for Maedi Visna Accredited status for the flock from which the animals are being exported, this can be accepted as evidence that animals are free from the disease.

2. Why is the EU dealing with transport as individual states? Seems contradictory.

Rachael Brunskill: All EU Member States adhere to Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport. They may have additional domestic regulations in place. We advise that you discuss your requirements with the EU MS in which you choose to apply to.

3. Is there a requirement for Zootechs to accompany animals from the EU to the UK? and with BCPs not able to accept UK animals, will UK ports be accepting EU animals?

Rachel Davis: Presume you mean zootech certificate, if so, then yes. The UK has retained the EU Reg in their legislation, this requires animals entering the UK, under the zootech regime, to be accompanied by a zootech certificate.

If the accepting breed society is not Zootech recognised in the UK it is up to them whether they accept the animal or not.

4. I also note a recent comment in reference to UK societies needing to be registered with EU as a 3rd country society to allow pedigrees to be accepted by equivalent societies in EU. Could we have some clarity on this from DEFRA? Will they do this on masse for all current zootech approved societies on their list or do we do this individually? If that is the case is there an application form/who is the request directed to?

Rachel Davis: In early 2019 Defra and the Devolved Administrations (DAs) contacted all Zootech recognised breed societies in the UK to ask if they would like to be included in the UK application for third country listing.

Defra has since submitted an application to the Commission for those breed societies who gave a positive response.

Since the application was submitted, Defra and DAs have been working with those societies to ensure they have in place, all the information that the Commission requires.

Questions on live movement from NI/GB and back:

1. Members from Scotland, England and Wales buy rams from the Northern Ireland Members sale in September every year and bring them back across the water the NI Sale is an export sale with all the sheep either Scrapie Monitored or Genotype 1 - So my question is - are they able to do this after the 31st December and do you have any idea what the restrictions will be ?

Please be aware that the UK government has updated its guidance on the NI protocol, including its guidance on moving goods from GB to NI;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol-section-two-moving-goods-from-great-britain-to-northern-ireland#great-britain-to-northern-ireland-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-sps-goods>

2. Our breed society is **not** zootech registered but we do have members in Southern Ireland who register their sheep in our flock book and pay membership to the Association and pay for their association tags through us but they are supplied from a tag company in Southern Ireland (Euro Tags, Mullinahone). Are they still able to do this after the 31st December?

Rachel Davis: I can't comment on the tags for this, that would be for either Helen or Rachael. From a Zootech perspective, if they are not Zootech recognised and their members only trade with the UK, with no plans to move sheep to a different flock book, then they can continue to register those Irish animals in their flock book after 1st Jan 2021.

3. January we Female Sales of In lamb Pedigree Sheep and also empty females selling in England and Scotland - Northern Ireland members do come across the water to buy females - are they still allowed to do this for 2021 and what are the restrictions for them taking stock back across the water?

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol-section-two>

[moving-goods-from-great-britain-to-northern-ireland#great-britain-to-northern-ireland-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-sps-goods](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol-section-two-moving-goods-from-great-britain-to-northern-ireland#great-britain-to-northern-ireland-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-sps-goods)

4. As far as I am aware none of the sheep bred in Southern Ireland are traded across the border in to Northern Ireland, however sheep are traded from members in Northern Ireland down in to Southern Ireland and a few of the Northern Ireland Members do bring their sheep across to Association Sales in England and Scotland. So my next question is - are they still able to do this after 31st December?

Rachel Davis: Again, I'm not sure if Heather or Racheal would want to add anything on to this regarding the movement of animals.

But from a Zootech perspective, if you are not Zootech recognised your trade in animals will continue as it does now. You will be subject to the legislation in place at the time regarding the movement of commercial livestock in/out of UK.

5. He has heard that as of 31st December all sheep going across from England, Scotland or Wales into Northern Ireland will have to be Scrapie Monitored? Are you able to respond to this as this could have a big impact on our Female sales in January

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6. What is the position for export /import NI-GB / GB-NI and NI to Rol an EU member state

Rachel Davis: I think this is mainly for Heather/Rachael to answer, but just to add from a Zootech perspective; if moving within the bounds of the Zootech regime then, from 1st Jan 2021, the animal must be accompanied by a Zootech Certificate if moving from GB to NI. This is currently not the case but has been brought in under the Northern Ireland Protocol.

7. Is Northern Ireland considered to be an EU country for importing sheep from GB?

Rachel Davis: Again, probably more for Racheal/Heather. But for Zootech, no, the Zootech Certificate is only required on movement from GB to NI from 1st Jan 2021 because of the inclusion of Article 37 of the Zootech Regulation within the Northern Ireland Protocol – this relates to the conventional rate of tariff.

8. Are you confirming that Northern Ireland is taking on the same Animal Health & Welfare rules as EU?

It would seem that way. Please be aware that the UK government has updated its guidance on the NI protocol, including its guidance on moving goods from GB to NI; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol-section-two-moving-goods-from-great-britain-to-northern-ireland#great-britain-to-northern-ireland-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-sps-goods>

9. There seems to be much uncertainty about NI even though UK? How does this affect the purchase of sheep from our mainland society SALES back to NI?

Rachel Davis: Again there will no doubt be comments from Heather or Racheal to add to this.

If moving within the bounds of the Zootech regime then, from 1st Jan 2021, the animal must be accompanied by a Zootech Certificate if moving from GB to NI. This is currently not the case but has been brought in under the Northern Ireland Protocol.

10. Will sheep moving from GB to N.I. need to be Scrapie Monitored as quite a few animals at present do come in? If sheep going to NI need to be Scrapie Monitored, will scrapie genotype Group 1's satisfy instead?

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11. Rams leaving N.I. to go to England to an Approved Export breeding centre for export purposes will they need a Zootech certificate to return to N. Ireland when the quarantine time is over?

Rachel Davis: I presume on this you are talking about a temporary move to an AI centre for example.

The requirement for a Zootech cert from GB to NI under the Northern Ireland Protocol is tariff related. As far as I'm aware, customs duties are only applicable where there is monetary gain involved. These are determined by HMRC.

I will need to seek advice on this and get back to you.

12. NI related query... With the suggestion that the GB /EU border now going to be Northern Ireland shipping ports at Larne and Belfast what is the departure from EU going to mean for Northern Ireland flock masters and pedigree breeders after 31/12/20?

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13. Registered horses can travel into EU to 'E' designated Border Control Posts. For horses to be Registered the EU will have to recognise UK studbooks (Other way to be Registered is to have FEI passport), as yet they have not. Unregistered horses must go through a 'U' BCP. I think the tag has 826 prefix so OK?

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14. We only have 2 members in southern Ireland, who don't register that many sheep, but they do seem to do quite a lot of trade with our NI members. Can we tell them that we can continue to register their sheep but not issue a Zootech certificate? Will this mean that they won't be able to sell them to NI?

Rachel Davis: From a Zootech perspective, if they are not Zootech recognised and their members only trade with the UK, with no plans to move sheep to a different flock book, then they can continue to register those Irish animals in their flock book after 1st Jan 2021.

Questions on tagging requirements:

There were a number of questions relating to tagging requirements for sheep from 1st of January 2021. New guidance was released from government on 25th November.

Please see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-and-animal-products-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

1. Can we use GB tags for 2021 born lambs instead of UK tag?

Yes, see guidance above.

2. Question re GB tags, have spoken with my tag supplier and they have been told that the UK EID carries the GB code in the chip, please clarify if a third tag is required

Third tag is required. See guidance link above for clarification.

3. Re tags. For export into NI, will they need new GB tags or can we continue to use current UK tags?

GB tag will be needed. See guidance link above for clarification.

4. For Pedigree stock that are sold in NI and moved to Southern Ireland would they be able to move on the pedigree tags that we provide or would these sheep need to have a GB tag before moving South of the Border?

GB tag will be needed to move from GB to NI, which will cover movement from NI to RoI. See guidance link above for clarification.

5. The last question I have is about ear tags - it was mentioned yesterday about the requirements for export sheep and that GB tags will have to be used and that UK tags are not eligible - I have a few questions on this if someone could please clarify on this

- a) is this for breeding sheep that are only recognised under the zootech banner?

No. All live sheep that are exported from GB to NI, RoI or EU will need GB tags. See guidance link above for clarification.

- b) Does this apply for all breeding sheep going from England, Scotland or Wales into Northern Ireland?

Yes. All live sheep moving from GB to NI are treated as if going to EU, so need GB tags. See guidance link above for clarification.

- c) Does this mean as we are not zootech registered - this rule does not apply to us and we can use our UK tags as normal?

No. Tag requirements are irrelevant of zootech registration. See guidance link above for clarification.

- d) What is the rule for breeding sheep moving from Northern Ireland to England, Scotland or Wales?

Presume GB tags or EU Identifier tags will be needed.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin-from-1-january-2021#import-from-an-eu-country-from-1-january-2021>

ZOOTECH questions:

1. Are you able to tell me where I can find the details of the changes this will mean for my Southern Ireland members - will we have to remove them all from our flock book?

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guide-to-zootechnical-rules-and-standards-from-1-january-2021>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol-section-two-moving-goods-from-great-britain-to-northern-ireland#great-britain-to-northern-ireland-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-sps-goods>

Rachel Davis: No, if you are Zootech recognised then those animals in the can remain in your flockbook but they should also register them in an EU equivalent breeding book. From 1st Jan 2021 you can't register any new animals that are in the EU.

If you are not Zootech recognised and don't intend to apply, then you can continue registering those EU animals after 1st Jan 2021 as you're not working within the bounds of the Zootech regime.

2. (Breed society is NOT zootech registered). Recently I have been approached from a Gentleman in Spain looking to buy our breed from the UK and take them back to Spain but he would like to become a member of our Association and appear in our flock book - So my question is as of the 31st December would he be able to do this?

Rachel Davis: If you are not Zootech recognised and don't intend to apply, then yes you can have members throughout the EU and register their animals, working outside the Zootech regime.

3. Will Breed societies, still be able to hold details of animals from EU for the purpose of performance recording

Rachel Davis: If you are Zootech recognised, then those animals in the EU can remain in your breeding book but they should also register them in an EU equivalent breeding book. As from 1st Jan 2021 you will not be able to register any new animals or issue a Zootech certificate for any EU animal.

4. Please can you clarify the 3rd country listing applications - could this mean, if successful that, we could continue to register animals domiciled in the EU?

Rachel Davis: No, third country listing will enable those breed societies to continue to trade on equivalent terms with the EU, it will not allow for you to register animals domiciled in the EU into your breeding book from 1st Jan 2021.

5. What happens to EU pedigree sheep currently registered with UK breed societies/stud books:

Rachel Davis: If you are Zootech recognised then those animals in the EU can remain in your breeding book but they should also register them in an EU equivalent breeding book as from 1st Jan 2021 you will no longer be able to issue a Zootech certificate for them.

6. The Irish Draught Horse Society GB is a daughter society to Horse Sport Ireland based in Kildare. We do not usually register each other's horses

and HSI has two other filial organisations both outside the EU. Is there likely to be an issue with these arrangements after 1 January please?

Rachel Davis: You can remain as a daughter studbook after 1st Jan 2021, nothing will change in that respect. You can continue to register UK based equines into your studbook and issue passports for them after 1st Jan 2021.

7. The Irish moiled cattle society would like to keep one herdbook and one society over the ROI NI and GB would DEFRA look at an application of a breeding programme to be extended from The EU to facilitate this

Rachel Davis: I hope I'm answering this correctly, I'm reading this to mean that you want to move your herdbook to Rol to then cover Rol, and UK?

If that's the case then yes, Defra would most likely accept an application to extend from Rol to UK.

Should you mean you will have one herdbook in each, Rol, NI and GB, then no, there can generally only be one breeding programme per breed approved under Zootech within the UK.

8. Does zootech give any other benefit as to scrapie monitoring of native breeds/rare breeds? Or are the health requirements the same as mentioned in previous presentation

Rachel Davis: Zootech only facilitates the equivalent trade in pedigree animals, it doesn't cover animal health and welfare issues.

The trade of livestock will attract the same level of health and welfare checks regardless of whether it's native or commercial.

9. Can a UK breeding body issue a non zootech certificate for EU resident animals? Simply a pedigree certificate?

Rachel Davis: If you are Zootech recognised, then you must work within the bounds of the Zootech rules and standards and therefore a Zootech Certificate must be issued when a pedigree animal is traded and moved to another breeding book, you cannot issue this for EU domiciled animals from 1st Jan 2021.

If you are not Zootech recognised then yes, a breeding certificate can be issued for EU animals, however, the accepting breeding book is not obliged to accept that animal as an equivalent pedigree.

10. Can a third party country ask for an extended breeding programme

Rachel Davis: Yes, we have provided for EU Member States and Third Countries within Article 12 of our retained legislation to apply to extend their breeding programme into the UK.

A third country cannot apply to extend into the EU.

11. Does an umbrella organisation have to be accepted/approved by the member state it is applying to be registered in? and that may be refused, especially if those breeds are already exist in those member states.

Rachel Davis: Yes, the “umbrella Org” is basically acting as a breed society running a number of breeding programmes for different breeds. They will be responsible for the maintenance/administration/compliance of that breeding programme.

Should there be an established and Zootech recognised breed society with an approved breeding programme for one of those breeds already in that Member State then it's doubtful that approval of an additional breeding programme of the same breed would be approved by the authorities in that Member State.

12. Can we in the EU register our stock with the UK based society and then share that data with the umbrella org?

Rachal Davis: No, from the 1st Jan, UK breeding bodies can't enter any animals that are physically in the EU into their breeding book.