

REGISTRATION OF RAMS AND RAM LAMBS RULES

RULES

- 1) Only the breeder can register a Ram or Ram Lamb.
- 2) Only Ram Lambs or Shearling Rams can be registered. Older rams **CAN NOT** be registered.
- 3) Closing date for the Late Registration of Rams/Ram lambs is November 30th of each year. **The form will be sent out with the entry forms for the sales and it must be returned to the Secretary with the relevant fees by November 30th**
- 4) Application forms will be sent to every member in April. No ram/ram lamb can be inspected unless the correctly filled in application forms, together with the appropriate fee, is returned to the Secretary by the closing date for that particular Centre.
- 5) **Shearling Rams** passed as rams are **Registered for Life**.
- 6) **Ram Lambs are passed for one season only and must be re-inspected as Shearlings during the May to August round of inspections the following year.** No further fee will be charged for this service, but the appropriate form must be filled in and the Provisional Certificate returned to the Secretary. Ram lambs will not be tagged with a Society tag until they have passed the inspection as Shearlings.
- 7) In the event of the Inspector placing a Shearling ram '**ON HOLD**' during the May-August round of inspections, the breeder may re-present this ram at either the **N.S.A. Bulth Ram Sale or the Ross or Carlisle Society Sales** during September of the same year.
- 8) 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 at the time of inspection).**
 - (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) 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. Please see page 2 of this letter for the fee.
- 9) Owners or their representative will be asked to insert the Society tag (if passed) in the ram's right ear themselves in the presence of the Ram Inspector. However, if the member wishes the Ram Inspector to do so **then the Ram Inspector nor the Society can be held responsible for any occurrence.** To minimise the risk of infection, breeders are encouraged to place a dummy tag in the ram's right ear and the breeder can cut it out before

inspection.

- 10) Please note that black spots on the face should be no bigger than a 5 pence piece and on the body or legs a 10 pence piece.
- 11) The tail should be docked in accordance with the legal requirement as laid out by the Farm Animal Welfare Council - Department of DEFRA (or equivalent Government body).

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- a) Shearling rams may be entered for registration and inspection by completing the registration form RR1, enclosing the relevant fee and returning to the Secretary by the closing date. These rams are then inspected by the Ram Inspector at the chosen centre on the specified date during May – August.
- b) Where a breeder has applied for registration during the above period, but failed to turn up at the centre due to exceptional circumstances, then the Secretary **may** be able to make other arrangements to have the rams inspected at an alternative centre or at a Society Sale. Should a ram that has been entered for the sale fail the inspection, then that ram must be removed from the sale area and will not be allowed into the ring. No substitute can be allowed in this instance.
- c) **Late registration of Shearling Rams up to November 30th.** Shearling Rams which have not been entered for a) above may be entered at a later date – please see chart on page 2 for the fees. **The form will be sent out with the entry forms for the sales and it must be returned to the Secretary with the relevant fees by November 30th at the latest, or at least 10 days before the proposed date of inspection (whichever is the soonest).** This option is only available under special circumstances and at the breeders' expense.
- d) **Ram lambs** can be provisionally registered for one year only. **The form will be sent out with the entry forms for the sales and it must be returned to the Secretary with the relevant fees by November 30th at the latest, or at least 10 days before the proposed date of inspection (whichever is the soonest).**
- e) Ram lambs which have been rejected as a lamb **cannot** be represented for inspection as a shearling.
- f) If a ram has been used, or semen retained, the owner must declare it in the catalogue or at the time of sale. It is up to the buyer to ascertain this before purchasing.

REGISTRATION FORMS

(Please ensure that you fill in the appropriate forms).

RR1 – To apply for inspection and registration of shearling rams during the normal Inspection round (May-August).

RE1 – To apply for the registration of ewe lambs (for paper method only).

PLEASE NOTE

You can apply for ram inspection and ewe lamb registration using Excel spreadsheet electronically or Online. You should send an e-mail to confirm that this has been done and also payment will have to be received before they can be processed.

FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THESE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED.

