

GUIDANCE NOTES

Cross Compliance

What is Cross Compliance?

Cross compliance is a set of rules which tells applicants what they must (and must not) do to receive rural payments for:

- The Basic Payment Scheme
- Countryside Stewardship
- Entry Level Stewardship (including Organic Entry Level Stewardship and Uplands Entry Level Stewardship)
- Higher Level Stewardship (including Organic Higher Level Stewardship and Uplands Higher Level Stewardship, but not including HLS agreements that started before January 2007)
- Woodland Management Grant and Farm Woodland Premium elements of English Woodland Grant Scheme



Cross compliance is made up of 'Statutory Management Requirements' (SMRs) and 'Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions' (GAECs). They are about:-

- Public, animal and plant health
- Environment, climate change and good agricultural condition of land
- Animal welfare

BPS claimants must meet cross compliance requirements across their whole holding, not just the land used to claim BPS. This applies throughout the calendar year.

Sheep Tagging & Movement

England:

From 1st January 2016, the non-electronic slaughter tag will not be permitted as the single tagging option to identify lambs intended for slaughter. Surplus tags from 2015 cannot be used after 1st January 2016.

Tagging options from 1st January 2016:-

Full EID Lambs kept beyond 12 months of age for breeding purposes
Store/finished hoggets intended for slaughter but kept beyond 12 months of age
Lamb intended for live export

Electronic Slaughter Tag or Full EID Lambs intended to be slaughtered in a UK abattoir prior to reaching 12 months of age

Wales:

EIDCymru is the new sheep traceability database for Wales for the electronic reporting of sheep movements by livestock markets as well as by abattoirs, collection centres and gatherings will be compulsory from January 2016.

Sheep keepers will be encouraged to report moves electronically after January 2016 but paper-based licences to report movements will still be facilitated via the EIDCymru office. A dedicated helpdesk service is being established in Aberystwyth to provide support to all EIDCymru users.

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