



## PREMIUM SHEEP and GOAT HEALTH SCHEME SHOW RULES AND CONDITIONS

### Maedi Visna /Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Accreditation Scheme



The following rules must be applied to allow MV accredited sheep or CAE accredited goats to maintain their status of Accreditation when they are being entered into a show.

#### 1 Application

Show organisers **must submit a fully completed Application and signed Declaration no later than 30th April 2021** listing all planned events which include an MV or CAE accredited section. This is to ensure that the SRUC Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Shows and Sale Bureau can consider the Application and make sure that the letter of Approval is issued prior to the event and to arrange an Inspection, if necessary.

**These should be returned to the address at the end of this document or can be e-mailed.**

#### 2 Approval

All Agricultural Shows, Exhibitions or Demonstrations that include MV or CAE accredited stock **must be approved** to the SRUC/PSGHS Scheme Show Rules prior to the event, or the MV/CAE accredited stock may lose their MV/CAE accredited status. Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Shows and Sales Bureau will issue a letter of Approval on our receipt of an Application Form.

#### 3 The following points must be adhered to:

- ❖ Unloading/reloading points – CLEARLY designated for MV or CAE accredited Stock.
- ❖ **Signs must read: “MV accredited” or “CAE accredited”**
- ❖ Clear identification of the area where the MV or CAE accredited animals are to be penned
- ❖ Indication of where the Non- MV or Non- CAE accredited animals are to be penned.
- ❖ Clear identification of the minimum separation gap of **2 metres** for MV (sheep) or **3 metres for CAE** (goats) accredited stock from non- MV or non -CAE accredited stock, including barriers, closed gates, empty pens.
- ❖ Indication of routes of movement within the Showground, to and from the exhibition rings whilst maintaining the required separation at all times.

#### 4 The MV / CAE Health Status report

The Show organiser must arrange verification of the MV or CAE Health Status Reports **prior to unloading**. As Organiser of an accredited event, it is your responsibility to ensure that all stewards responsible are fully briefed to the SRUC Scheme rules. A Steward’s checklist supplied by PSGHS *should* be distributed to staff involved in inspecting Health Status Reports.

##### 4a) The MV / CAE Health Status Report *must* be:

- ❖ Fully completed and valid
- ❖ **The Expiry date must be later than the date of movement and within (all) date(s) of the show**
- ❖ All sections *must* be completed in full for the Health Status Report to be valid including:
- ❖ Signature and date
- ❖ Ear Tags numbers of all *sheep*
- ❖ Up to 20 animals can be listed on one Health Status Report, however, a supplementary written/printed sheet with Ear Tag number of any additional sheep is acceptable, and may be **attached to the original** completed Health Status report with **Member’s name and Holding number** included.

***N.B. If an exhibitor elects to withdraw his animal from the MV Accredited section and show it through a non-Accredited ring, that animal will automatically forfeit its MV Accredited status and may not return to the MV***



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*Accredited section at the show or to an MV Accredited flock on farm. A list of animals presented as MV or CAE Accredited but which forfeited their status of Accreditation during the Show should also be submitted by the show organiser if there are animals in this category*

#### 5 Guidance Note:

Show organisers may request that a photocopy of the MV or CAE Health Status report is sent in with the entry form prior to the show. **However, a SRUC Health Status Report must still be presented on the day of the show, completed in full.**

The facilities and staff required to operate the agreed procedures adequately are the responsibility of the Show Organisers. The Stewards Checklists **should be** distributed to the designated stewards by the Show Organiser and they may also be displayed in the sheep and goat lines.

#### 6 Show Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the show organiser to check that Health Status Reports are **valid prior to unloading of stock**. Any discrepancies must be checked with SRUC PSGHS **prior to the show and prior to unloading**. **Please note that the PSGHS office is open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.**

#### 7 Unloading/Re-Loading

MV and CAE accredited stock **must have** a separate unloading /re- loading point. Their routes of movement into, within and out of the show must be clearly marked. The entrance to the show, routes within the show and penning/exhibition rings for MV and CAE accredited stock should be clearly signposted so as to exclude any non- MV accredited animals. **Signs must read: "MV accredited" or "CAE accredited"**

**Non-MV or Non- CAE accredited stock must not be allowed to come into contact with MV or CAE accredited and must be prevented from entering MV or CAE accredited areas at all times during the event.**

#### 8 Wording on Signs

This also applies to headings in Show Catalogues and wherever there is reference to MV and CAE accredited stock. The wording to be used must be **'MV Accredited'** and **'CAE Accredited'**. It **must not** read 'MV' or 'CAE' only or 'accredited' only.

#### 9 Transportation

MV or CAE accredited stock **must not** be allowed to come into contact with non-MV accredited stock during transportation, or share the same air space as non-Accredited stock. Lorries divided with solid partitions and with separate loading/unloading ramps are acceptable for the transport of MV or CAE accredited and non- accredited stock, as are separate lorry/trailer units

#### 10 Facilities

Separate watering, feeding and milking facilities must be available, if MV or CAE accredited stock are to have access to these facilities. If any animals are penned or exhibited on permeable surfaces, e.g. grass there must be at least **7** clear days free of non-MV or CAE accredited stock, before the arrival of MV accredited stock.

#### 11 Inspections

SRUC Vets and Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Approved Inspectors will inspect a sample of Approved Shows to ensure that the SRUC Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Rules are



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#### 12 Penning Arrangements

If penned outdoors or in a large volume building there must be either a 2m high solid partition (3m for goats) or a space of 2m (3m for goats) between pens of stock of different status.

#### 13 Housing

MV and CAE accredited and non-accredited animals **must not** be housed together under the same roof in a low volume building. The term 'low volume' applies to buildings with restricted airspace and poor ventilation where there is a higher risk of disease spread. As there are many variables in building design such as height, size, construction, location etc. each building will be judged on its own merit. However, if there is any doubt whether the housing complies with Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Standards, Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Approved Inspectors and SRUC Vets are able to advise.

#### 14 Judging

If MV or CAE accredited and non-accredited stock are to be judged in the same class then the ring should be split with separation between animals as above (**see rule 12**). Rings must have separate entrances and exits for animals of different status (these are to be clearly signed). Separation within the ring must be either a 2 metre high (or 3 metres for goats) solid barrier or 2 metre separation space (or 3 metres for goats) defined by barriers. MV/CAE accredited stock should be led by halter or collar. Any examination such as mouthing should be performed by the handler and not the judge. In cases where the judge mouths the stock then effective disinfection facilities should be used between each mouthing and in a mixed status class the **MV and CAE accredited stock must always be mouthed first**.

#### 15 Grand Parade

In order to protect the MV and CAE accredited stock from compromising their accredited status:

- ❖ They **must not** walk over the surfaces where any non-accredited stock have been in the previous 7 days unless it has been effectively cleansed and disinfected.
- ❖ Stewards **must be** fully briefed to PSGHS Rules and be able to easily identify the 2 groups of animals (MV and CAE accredited/non-accredited) e.g. using arm bands on exhibitors.
- ❖ All sheep/goats taking part **must be** under control at all times i.e. wearing a head collar or halter.
- ❖ There **must be a minimum 2-metre separation** between sheep of different status (**3-metre for goats**).
- ❖ Non-accredited sheep or goat exhibitors **must not** be allowed to jeopardise the health status of any MV or CAE accredited stock at any time.
- ❖ The Judging Ring should allow a minimum separation space for any MV or CAE accredited stock and any non-accredited stock, (**see Rule 12**) with designated (clearly signposted) separate entrances and exits or arrangements in place so that different status animals are not paraded across the same ground.
- ❖ **N.B.** - MV or CAE **Qualifying** stock **may not** attend as accredited animals. They may attend as non-accredited animals, but would lose any qualifying status gained up to that date.

#### 16 Trade-stands or Demonstration

If an MV or CAE accredited animal is to be used on a Trade stand, or as part of a Demonstration, then individual approval must be sought by the exhibitors from Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Shows and Sales Bureau and the exhibitor must also notify the event organiser.



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SRUC Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes staff are available to offer advice over the telephone and reserve the right to inspect show sites prior to the show and before issuing approval. SRUC and Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Approved Inspectors will reserve the right to inspect shows to ensure Approved facilities and procedures are being applied. Any deviation from the agreed procedures that transgress the SRUC Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Rules are likely to result in animals losing their MV or CAE accredited status.

### ADDITIONAL SCHEMES

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**CAE** - the BGS run a CAE *Monitoring* scheme and some goat owners test privately for the disease. These two categories of testing do not qualify goats for the **PSGHS CAE** Accreditation scheme and the goats in these schemes must be treated as non-accredited for the purposes of the **PSGHS MV or CAE** Accreditation scheme.

**EAE** - the EAE Accreditation scheme is run by PSGHS. 'EAE supervised' or 'EAE accredited' status female sheep must not be on the same premises, housed, transported or sold through the same ring as pregnant sheep or ewes that have lambed within the previous four weeks.

#### **SCRAPIE Monitoring Scheme or Scrapie Genotyping**

Details of above schemes on website-[www.sheepandgoathealth.co.uk](http://www.sheepandgoathealth.co.uk)

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