

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL
SHEEP SCAB REGULATIONS 2024

Shetland Islands Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by The Sheep Scab (Shetland Islands) Order 2003 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. Title and Commencement

- 1(1). These Regulations may be cited as the Shetland Islands Council Sheep Scab Regulations 2024 and shall come into operation on the expiration of 28 days from the date of confirmation by the Scottish Ministers, or such earlier date as the Scottish Ministers may fix.
- 1(2). These Regulations shall replace the Shetland Islands Council Sheep Scab Regulations 2003 as of the date they come into operation.

2. Application

- 2(1). These Regulations shall apply to the Shetland Islands as defined in Regulation 3(1).

3. Interpretation

- 3(1). In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words or expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

"*the Authority*" means the Shetland Islands Council.

"*the Shetland Islands*" shall be construed as the area of the Shetland Islands Council.

"*sheep*" means any animal of the ovine species.

"*treated*" means treated by means of a product or preparation and includes treated by way of vaccination or plunge-dipping, and "treatment" shall be construed accordingly.

"*authorised veterinary surgeon*" means a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons or equivalent and authorised by Shetland Islands Council to carry out the inspection and treatment of sheep.

"*sheep scab*" means an infestation of *Psoroptes ovis* mites on sheep.

"*owner*" includes any person for whose benefit the sheep are being brought to Shetland.

"*agent of the owner*" includes any person engaged by or on behalf of the owner in the transportation of sheep to the Shetland Islands.

"*Environmental Health Service*" means the appropriate department or office of Shetland Islands Council which provides an environmental health service to the Shetland Islands.

"*written notification*" means notification given by email or such other method as confirmed by the Authority from time to time.

"*working day*" means Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

"*public holidays*" means the public holidays observed by the Authority.

4. Examination and Treatment of Sheep

- 4(1). The owner of sheep being transported to the Shetland Islands from any other part of the United Kingdom must cause all such sheep to be inspected and treated for sheep scab by an authorised veterinary surgeon immediately on arrival of the sheep in the Shetland Islands.
- 4(2). The method of treatment required under Regulation 4(1) shall be determined by the authorised veterinary surgeon applying their reasonable and professional skill and opinion. If deemed appropriate by an authorised veterinary surgeon, such treatment may be carried out at a facility and by personnel approved by the authorised veterinary surgeon.
- 4(3). Regulation 4(1) shall not apply where:
- (a) the owner can provide adequate evidence in advance of the sheep being transported to the Shetland Islands which satisfies the authorised veterinary surgeon that the sheep have already been appropriately treated for and are free from sheep scab; or
 - (b) on arrival in the Shetland Islands the sheep are immediately moving direct to slaughter at a facility and by personnel approved by the authorised veterinary surgeon provided:
 - i. such sheep are not, and have not been, mixed with any other consignment of sheep being sent to the Shetland Islands or any sheep already on the Shetland Islands before slaughter;
 - ii. the owner, or agent of the owner, complies with the notification requirements set out in Regulations 6(2) and 6(3); and
 - iii. the owner complies with the protocol or processes required by the authorised veterinary surgeon in relation to sheep coming to the Shetland Islands for slaughter.

5. Separation of Sheep

- 5(1). The owner of any sheep being transported to the Shetland Islands, which are subject to the inspection and treatment requirement under Regulation 4 above, must ensure that those sheep are not mixed with any other consignment of sheep being transported to the Shetland Islands or any sheep already on the Shetland Islands until after the expiry of a period of 48 hours following the treatment provided on arrival in accordance with Regulation 4.

6. Notification

- 6(1). The owner or the agent of the owner of any sheep referred to in Regulation 4 must provide written notification to the Authority's Environmental Health Service of all intended movements of those sheep to the Shetland Islands from any other part of the United Kingdom.

- 6(2). The written notification to be provided under Regulation 6(1) above must include the following information:
- (a) name, address and telephone number of the owner;
 - (b) date and time of the intended movement and the place from which the sheep are to depart for the Shetland Islands;
 - (c) date, estimated arrival time and place of arrival in the Shetland Islands;
 - (d) name, address and telephone number of the carrier transporting the sheep to the Shetland Islands;
 - (e) number, breed and individual identifications of the sheep being transported;
 - (f) where applicable, which of the exemptions referred to in Regulation 4(3) are being relied on; and
 - (g) place (including address and Farm Code) in the Shetland Islands where the sheep are to be kept separate in accordance with Regulation 5(1).
- 6(3). Written notification must be received by the Authority's Environmental Health Service at least 15 hours before the estimated time of arrival of the sheep to the Shetland Islands. In the event the owner of the sheep is relying on the exemption referred to in Regulation 4(3)(b) (sheep moving directly to slaughter), written notification must be received by the Authority's Environmental Health Service at least two (2) weeks in advance of the intended date of transport to the Shetland Islands.
- 6(4). Written notification to the Authority's Environmental Health Service must be received between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00 Monday to Thursday and between 09:00 and 16:00 on a Friday (excluding public holidays). If written notification is sent to the Authority's Environmental Health Service outwith these times, it will be deemed to have been received at 09:00 on the next working day.

7. Breach

- 7(1). A breach of these Regulations is an offence under Section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981 (as amended).

THE COMMON SEAL OF SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL WAS AFFIXED TO THESE REGULATIONS ON 08 APRIL 2024 IN THE PRESENCE OF JAN-ROBERT RIISE, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, GOVERNANCE & LAW AND THE PROPER OFFICER OF SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL.

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