**GB Scrapie Monitoring Scheme**

As operated by SRUC Veterinary Services

Application for Registration for **SMS Controlled Risk** status for flocks/herds currently of Scrapie Qualifying status

Please read the Scheme Rules and Notes for Guidance

To the Owner:

* Please keep a copy of this document
* Please send a copy to the Official Veterinarian (OV)
* Please send a copy to PSGHS, SRUC Veterinary Services, Greycrook, St Boswells, TD6 0EQ

**Section A – Details of premises**

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| Name of flock/herd owner: |  |
| Full postal address: |  |
| Post Code: |  |
| CPH number: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Mobile: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Website: |  |
| Holding(s) where flock/herd is kept (if different from above) |  |
| Post Code: |  |
| CPH number: |  |
| Flock/Herd mark(s) |  |
| Breed(s) |  |

**Section B – Declaration by the \*owner/\*agent/\*keeper**

\*Delete as appropriate

I, …………………………………………………………………………………………… (insert name),

being the owner/agent in charge of the flock/herd detailed above do declare that a copy of the Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme has been made available to me via website **www.sheepandgoathealth.co.uk**. I acknowledge that the abridged guidance notes attached to this form do not constitute the full Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme.

I further declare that:

1. In respect of the holding(s) above that during the past **three** years:
2. At least once each year all animals on the holding have been inspected by an Official Veterinarian (see Rule 1.6)

ii) The \*sheep/goats on the holding(s) are identified in conformity with national legislation; all animals are individually identified and that movements of all individual animals (both live and dead) on and off the holding(s) are recorded (see Rule 4.1)

iii) Ovine and caprine animals, with the exception of sheep certified under Scheme Rules as ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, are introduced on to the holding only if they come from a holding which complies with the requirements of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme (see Rule 2.2) **OR** the flock/herd from which the animals came must be SMS Qualifying status and the animals must not have lost their Qualifying status through contact with animals of a lower status or otherwise.

iv) No case of scrapie has been confirmed (see Rule 1.4)

**v) All fallen sheep/goats over the age of 18 months have been submitted for examination for scrapie in accordance with the scheme rules (see Rule 3).**

The following animals have been submitted for TSE testing in the last **three** years:

(please provide details on a separate sheet if further space is needed)

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| Date  submitted | Animal identification | Age | Laboratory where examined | Test Type if known | Test Result |
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1. I agree to abide by the Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme notwithstanding the foregoing. If the holding(s) cease(s) to comply with the Scheme Rules, I will notify SRUC of this and surrender my certificate of registration accordingly.
2. I have read and retained a copy of the Scheme Rules. I consent to my contact details (name, address, contact telephone number, breed) being shown on the Premium Sheep and Goat Health Scheme website (www.psghs.co.uk )

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| Signed: |  | | Status: | Owner/Manager/Agent/Other  (if other, specify) |
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| Date of application: | |  | | |

**Section C – Certificate of Official Veterinarian**

I, ……………………………………………………………………………………… MRCVS (insert name)

certify that the flock/herd on the above holding(s) has:

1. been under the care of an Official Veterinarian (OV) since ………………….. (insert date, see Rule 1.6)
2. been inspected by an OV at least annually for three years on the dates when the numbers of \*sheep/goats over 18 months of age were as follows:

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| Date of Inspection  (day/month/year) | Number of adults >18 months | |
| Males | Females |
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1. I have examined the movement records and the registration certificates which accompanied all the sheep/goats moved onto the premises in the **three years** prior to the date of this application and I am satisfied that all these animals originated from Scrapie Monitored or Scrapie Qualifying flocks/herds, other than sheep under the ARR/ARR Exemption, see Rule 5.
2. All \*sheep/goats are individually marked so as to allow the origin of all animals to be determined and all movements of individual animals on and off the holding(s) are recorded (see Rule 4.1).
3. **I have examined the records of movements of fallen stock and records of TSE testing for all fallen stock over 18 months of age in the three years prior to the date of application and I am satisfied that TSE testing has been carried out as required by Scheme Rules (see Rule 3).**
4. I am satisfied that no case of scrapie has been confirmed in this flock/herd in the past **three years** (see Rule 1.4)
5. Flocks/herds referred to on this application do not reside in buildings or on grazing with animals of lesser status.
6. All animals in the flock/herd will be inspected by the certifying Official Veterinarian within the 30-day period prior to each export to confirm freedom from signs of scrapie.

**Authorised Official Veterinarian**

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| Signature | MRCVS |  | Address |  |
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**Section D – Only for completion by the owner/agent/keeper where fallen stock have not been submitted for TSE testing**

I, …………………………………………………………………………………………………………….… (insert name), of

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| Address: |

confirm that in the **three year** period covered by this application to join the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme no sheep or goats over 18 months of age have died on farm or in transit and have been suitable for examination (e.g. any such animals may have been unsuitable due to decomposition).

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| Signed: |  | | Status: | Owner/Manager/Agent/Other  (if other, specify) |
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**Official Veterinarian’s Declaration**

I, ……………………………………………………………………………………… MRCVS (insert name), being the supervising Official Veterinarian for the flock/herd noted above, confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the written Section D declaration above is correct.

**Authorised Official Veterinarian**

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| Signature | MRCVS |  | Address |  |
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| Name in BLOCK letters |  |  |  |  |
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| OV number |  |  |  |  |
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| Date |  |  | Telephone number |  |

**Checklist for Official Veterinarian**

Official veterinarian checklist/support document for completion of a form for **Registration to join** the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme for Scrapie Qualifying status flocks/herds

This checklist/support document should be completed by the Official Veterinarian (OV) before they complete Section C (and if appropriate Section D) of the application form.

Name of the owner and address of the holding/collection centre to which the application refers:

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| Name:  Address of owner:  Address of (proposed) SMS holding (if different): |

I hereby certify that I have made due enquiries and that the answers to the following questions are as follows (please tick):

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|  | YES | NO |
| 1. Does the applicant have a current certificate of Scrapie Qualifying status? |  |  |
| 1. Has the applicant completed the owner’s declarations in Section B (and Section D if appropriate) of the application form? The owner’s declarations must be completed before the OV can complete the form. |  |  |
| 1. Has the applicant provided you with the results of all private TSE tests? Have you checked the dates of these tests and that the animals originated from the applicant’s flock and that the animals were fallen stock over 18 months of age as explained in the scheme rules? |  |  |
| 1. Have you checked the farm records for disposal of carcases under the Animal By-Products Regulations? |  |  |
| 1. Have you checked that the number of TSE tests in each of the last **three** years is consistent with the size of the flock (≥2% of adults in flock/herd per year)? |  |  |
| 1. If the number of TSE tests in each of the last **three** years is not consistent with the size of the flock has the owner provided an explanation (please include with application)? |  |  |
| 1. Have all the animals in the flock been inspected by an OV for clinical evidence of scrapie at least annually in each of the last **three** years? |  |  |
| 1. Are you aware of any reports of confirmed scrapie in any animals in this flock or animals originating from this flock in the last **three** years? |  |  |
| 1. Are all animals individually identified and have they been individually identified in the last **three** years?? |  |  |
| 1. Are the movements of all individual animals on and off the holding in the last **three** years recorded and have you checked the movement records? |  |  |
| 1. Has the applicant provided evidence that animals moved onto the holding in the last **three** years have complied with the rules of the scheme? |  |  |
|  | YES | NO |
| 1. If the animals moved onto the holding in the last **three** years included any that had been at shows or sales, has the owner provided evidence that those shows or sales complied with the rules of the scheme? |  |  |
| 1. Has there been any purchases of stock within the last **three** years? If the answer is yes, please list below the details of the previous owners. Please use separate sheet if necessary. |  |  |
| 1. Is the flock/herd involved in embryo transfer work? If the answer is yes, are recipients Scrapie Monitored or Scrapie Qualifying status? Please list their details below. Please use separate sheet if necessary. |  |  |
| 1. Where applicable the genotype certificate has been enclosed |  |  |

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Before signing the application form the OV must ensure that they have duly completed this checklist. This checklist MUST be sent to SRUC with the completed application form. The OV must keep a copy for record keeping purposes for a period of three years.

**Notes for Guidance**

**Abridged notes giving guidance as to completion of an application for registration for Scrapie Controlled Risk Status for Scrapie Qualifying holdings. Please read the Rules and Conditions for the scheme on www.sheepandgoathealth.co.uk**

1. **General**: The rules of the SRUC Scrapie Monitoring Scheme (SMS) are designed to facilitate certification of scrapie monitoring of holdings for intra-community trade in sheep and goats for breeding in accordance with the rules of Regulation EC 999/2001 as amended.
2. **Certification** must be provided by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) holding as a minimum the Official Controls Qualifications OCQ(V) -ES and OCQ(V)- SS. The OV must ensure that there is sufficient detail of the flock/herd veterinary history and animal movement records, animal by-product (carcase) records and TSE testing records to enable the declaration to be signed.
3. **Declaration of holding(s) freedom from scrapie**. If the farmer/OV suspects that an animal in his/her care is affected with scrapie this must be reported to the APHA duty vet line. If scrapie is confirmed, the APHA duty vet will notify the OV, who should withdraw and cancel the original certificate, if it has already been issued, and inform SRUC.

Prior to Registration, APHA will check the scrapie history of the applicant holding for the previous seven years.

1. **Monitoring**. All sheep and goats in the flock/herd on the holding(s) must have been inspected by an OV at least once a year over the three year Scrapie Qualifying period. It is not necessary for the whole flock/herd to be gathered together on one particular day for inspection, although this may be a convenient method of achieving the inspection requirement. The flock/herd inspection may be carried out in the course of more than one visit during the year provided that the OV can satisfy him/herself that all groups or hefts comprising the flock/herd have been inspected within a 12-month period.
2. **Animal identification**. All sheep and goats must be individually and uniquely identified in accordance with national legislation. In addition, to allow checks on movements of individual animals, all movements of sheep and goats on and off the holding must be individually recorded. Records must also be provided for dead sheep and goats moved off the holding as required under the Animal By- Products Regulation (ABPR) 2013 and SMS Rule 4.1.
3. **Movements on and off the holding**. With the exception of sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, for all sheep and goats which are moved onto the holding over the three year Qualifying period, the owner must obtain certification from the previous owner(s) to show that the previous holding(s) were of SM Controlled Risk, Negligible Risk or Qualifying status. Individual movement records must be provided.
4. **The OV must examine the movement records and the veterinary certificates** that accompanied all animals (male and female) moved on to the premises over the three year Qualifying period.
5. **Movements to and from shows, sales and other places** such as Artificial Insemination Centres are permitted provided they are compliant with the rules referred to in Annex 1 of the Rules and Conditions of the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme. If animals from the flock/herd have been taken to shows or sales the owner must provide movement records to corroborate this and if necessary must provide copies of declarations by show/sale organisers if segregated or dedicated shows or sales approved by APHA have been attended.
6. **TSE testing of fallen stock.** All sheep and goats over 18 months on a Scrapie Monitored or Qualifying holding, which have died, been killed on the holding or which have died in transit must be examined for scrapie. The animals that must be tested excludes any animals killed for human consumption (including those killed on the holding).