



INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION OF PIGS, SHEEP AND GOATS

The Pig, Sheep and Goat (Identification and Notification) Order, 2013

The basic principles are:

- Animals which were born before 1.1.14 and have not moved premises since this date are exempt from tagging – **however even these animals must be double tagged before selling, moving or slaughter.**
- All livestock “keepers” or “producers” must register with Farm Services (see below). You will be given a unique “producer” number. You will only use this number if you are going to breed from your animals.
- All pigs, sheep and goats must be identified by 6 months of age.
- If you have bought or sold an animal, whatever their age, it must be identified with two tags and an individual number by the breeder. If you buy an untagged or incorrectly identified animal you will be in breach of the above legislation and will not be able to present it at the abattoir.
- Animals kept by the breeder for slaughter before they are 12 months of age can have one slaughter tag (or slap mark on each shoulder for pigs) but if you decide to sell this animal you must double tag it with a unique number whatever its age.
- All animals over 12 months of age must be double tagged with individual identity tags.
- If an animal loses a tag you must replace it with a tag bearing the same number.
- Animals imported from UK, Sark or Jersey must be correctly identified.
- Tags are generally one of two or three shapes and styles; you can choose any colour for pigs and any colour **except red, yellow or black** for sheep and goats.
- Sucking pigs under 10 weeks of age can be presented to the slaughterhouse with a **single ear tattoo.**
- **You must let farm services know of any births, taggings and movements on or off premises** by email to farmservices@gov.gg or phone 225740.

See overleaf for more information on where to get tags. If you need any further information or advice, or a reminder of your producer number please contact Farm Services

WHERE TO BUY TAGS:

This is a list of companies found through an internet search, but there are many more out there. It is best to phone as generally our sequence of numbers cannot be ordered online. Tags should only take a few days to arrive when ordered, and are inexpensive.

<http://www.allflex.co.uk/> <http://www.thetags4u.com> <http://www.fearing.co.uk>
<http://www.greencountrystore.co.uk> www.suppliesforsmallholders.co.uk (for slap markers)
<http://www.shearwell.co.uk>

WHAT SORT OF TAGS?

Tags should be plastic and produced by a specialist tag company. Tags are generally one of two or three shapes and styles; any colour for pigs and any colour **except red, yellow or black** for sheep and goats.

Where you are double tagging, both tags should be the same style. **You do not need electronic tags.**

YOU WILL ALSO NEED A PAIR OF APPLICATORS

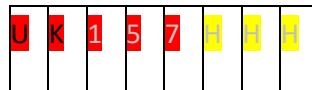
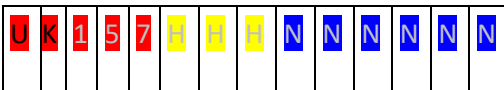
WHAT TO PRINT ON THE TAGS

SHEEP

UK157 = Guernsey Sheep **H = 3 digit producer number** **N = sequential number for each animal**

double tags (tag in each ear)

slaughter tag (tag in one ear)



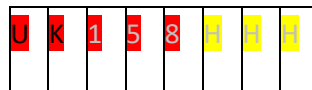
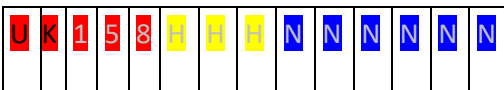
(some tags companies omit the UK on the slaughter tags; this is OK)

GOATS

UK158 = Guernsey Goats **H = 3 digit producer number** **N = sequential number for each animal**

double tags ear or pastern tags

slaughter ear tag or pastern tags



(some tags companies omit the UK on the slaughter tags; this is OK)

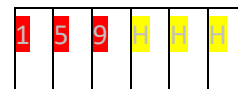
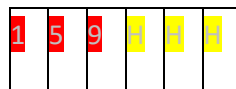
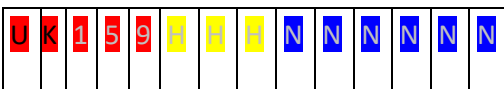
PIGS

UK159 = Guernsey Pigs **H = 3 digit producer number** **N = sequential number for each animal**

double tags (tag in each ear)

slaughter tags (tag in 1 ear)

2 slap marks



(some tags companies omit the UK on the slaughter tags; this is OK)

HOW TO NOTIFY US OF AN EVENT?

You can notify us in one of the following ways:

- Email farmservices@gov.gg
- By leaving a clear message on the ansaphone 225740