

## INFORMATION OF 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 are exempt from tagging – **however even these animals must be double tagged before selling, moving or slaughter.** “Exempt” animals can be culled on farm and incinerated.
- All animals sold/bought, whatever their age, must be identified with two tags and an individual number (see below). If you buy an incorrectly identified animal you will not be able to present it to the slaughterhouse.
- Animals you breed must be tagged by 6 months of age with either a single slaughter tag or double individual identity tags. The tags you choose will depend on whether you plan to sell, breed or slaughter the animal.
- Animals kept by the breeder for slaughter before they are 12 months of age can have one slaughter tag (or slap marks for pigs) but if you decide to sell this animal you must double tag it with a unique number whatever its age.
- Animals kept over 12 months of age must be double tagged with individual identity tags.
- 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 slaughter house 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](mailto:farmservices@gov.gg) or phone 234567.

See the attached note 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](http://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; you can choose any colour for pigs.. Where you are double tagging, both tags should be the same style. **You do not need electronic style tags.**

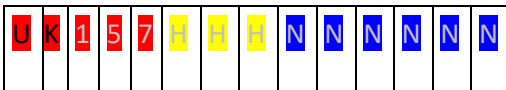
**YOU WILL ALSO NEED A PAIR OF APPLICATORS**

## WHAT TO PRINT ON THE TAGS

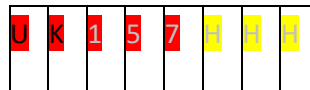
### SHEEP

**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)

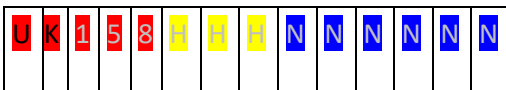


(some tags companies omit the UK on the slaughter tags; this is OK)

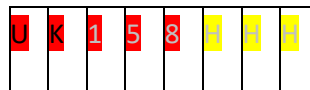
### GOATS

**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

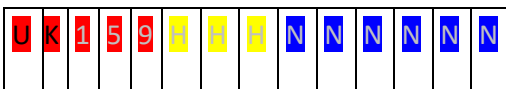


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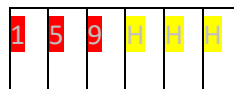
### PIGS

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

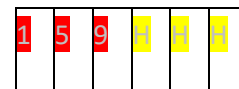
double tags (tag in each ear)



slaughter tags (tag in 1 ear)



slap marks



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## HOW TO NOTIFY US OF AN EVENT?

You can notify us in one of the following ways:

- Email [farmservices@commerce.gov.gg](mailto:farmservices@commerce.gov.gg)
- By leaving a clear message on the ansaphone 235740
- By telephoning the farm services via the switchboard on 234567