



Adjustment to the bye laws with reference to AI and ET paperwork being supplied with Birth Notifications

As per Suffolk Sheep Society – as per Council Meeting held Thursday 14th March 2024

6. BIRTH NOTIFICATIONS

6.1 By 31st May each year, or before sale or transfer (if earlier), a Member shall lodge with the Society birth notification details in such form and pay such charge as the Council may from time to time direct of each lamb born of such Member's Registered Flock since 31st May the previous year.

6.2 Birth notifications for sheep that have been derived from Advanced Breeding Technologies either by Artificial Insemination or Embryo transfer must be accompanied with a copy of the procedure sheets. Failure to supply this documentation will result in birth notifications not being accepted.

6.3 Pedigree information for Society Sale catalogues will be generated using birth notification details. Rams not birth notified cannot be offered for sale. Ewes will not be catalogued unless they are fully registered.

Sales entry procedures for 2024

At the council meeting on 14th March 2024, it was agreed that the following adjustments to testing requirements would be made for the Society sales.

- The need for SRUC Scrapie genotype testing is no longer required for Society sales.
- Any member wishing to continue to use the testing procedure that SRUC provide is welcome to do so and should with their veterinary surgeon submit the samples directly to SRUC.
- Council would recommend, but have not made it mandatory, that sale sheep are sire verified and Scrapie status reported.
- The Society can facilitate parentage testing and scrapie genotype results in the usual way by requesting a nasal swab kit from the office.
- There is no requirement for a veterinary surgeon to be present to take these samples.
- The nasal swabs should be sent to the office in the usual way with the submission form.
- These should arrive at the office no later than the 24th May 2024.
- This will facilitate the timely testing of the samples and results reported back to the breeders in time for the sale catalogue to be produced.
- Breeders can notify potential purchasers through the comments and notes in the catalogues that they have done this testing.
- The Society takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the testing and the results of the test, and the cost is borne by the vendor.
- This does not remove or replace the procedure for purchased rams at Society sales to be DNA tested and the sample is submitted to the office along with the Ram Proforma.

It is hoped that by changing the sale entry conditions in this way, taking out complexity and reducing the cost of entering Society sales that it will encourage more breeders to use the sales to market their sheep.