

Derelict to Productive – No 2 - A Practical guide – Livestock Registering

Having completed your registration requirements from Guide 1, you may have a few more steps to complete if you have chosen to introduce livestock to your croft.



•Keeping cattle

- Register with British Cattle Movements Service (BCMS) to register births, deaths and movements in your herd. Also required to keep herd records. (You require a Government Gateway user name and password to access BCMS.)
- Register with Scotmoves to record movements of cattle where the ownership does not change.
- www.bcms.gov.uk www.scoteid.com



•Keeping Sheep

- Register with ScotEID. ScotEID record all the sheep and goat movements in Scotland.
- You can keep your flock register online or use ScotEID as part of your paper flock records for the ear tags of sheep/goats you purchase or sell.
- www.scoteid.com



•Keeping Pigs

- Register with ScotEID. ScotEID record all the pig movements in Scotland. Register with them so you can record your movements of pigs.
- Keep a herd register
- www.scoteid.com



•Keeping Poultry

- If you keep more than 50 birds you are required to register with APHA and keep flock records.
- If you keep fewer than 50 birds registration is voluntary.
- If selling eggs contact Scottish Government Poultry Unit

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Medicine Records and Inventory

Medicine records must be kept for food producing animals for at least 5 years in accordance with The Veterinary Medicines Regulations (VMR).

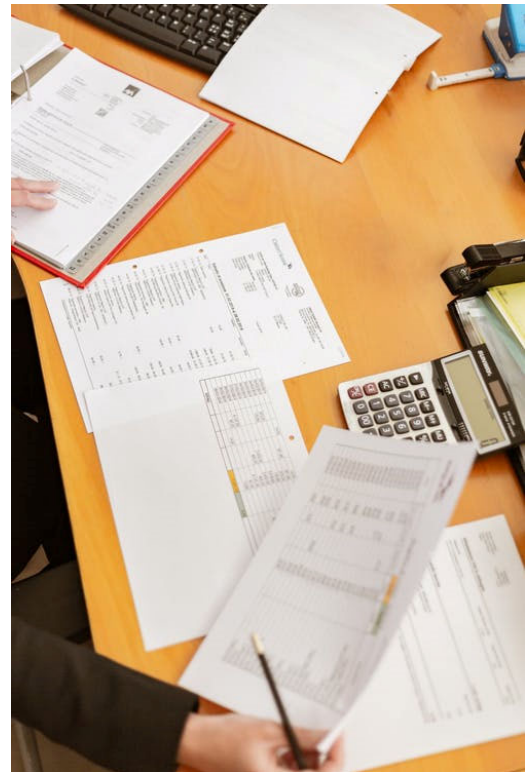
There are various publications that are available to record this information; these can be purchased from veterinary practices or direct from the publisher, or you can find full details of the requirements from www.apha.gov.uk

Standstills and Separation Agreements

If you move stock onto your holding the unit is subject to a standstill period before stock can leave the holding; which is 13 days for cattle, sheep and goats, and 20 days for pigs. This was introduced as a direct result of the 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak, these movement restrictions will also help to control the spread of other potential outbreaks of contagious diseases. There are classes of stock which are exempt.

Standstill periods may be avoided if an Authorised Separation Agreement in place. Under this arrangement, which must be authorised by the local SGRPID office, where animals are **brought onto** any holding and held separately from other animals on the farm, the 13 or 20 day standstill period will apply only to the animals **brought on** and not to the other animals on the farm.

Alternatively, animals to be moved off a holding could be held in the Authorised Separation Facilities to ensure that they would not be caught by any standstill triggered by on-coming livestock.



Burial Records

Argyll and most of the Highlands and Islands have a derogation to allow the burial on farm of fallen stock.

Care should be taken to select an area in accordance with Scottish Environmental Protection Agency PEPFAA code.

You must record the location of burial sites, including a field plan, together with the number and type of stock buried and dates of burial.