

## Appendix HP.1

### LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES

This appendix outlines the scheme requirements when undertaking certain husbandry procedures (also known as common veterinary operations). Consideration should be given to whether the procedure is necessary – and procedures must only be carried out by competent persons. Consideration must also be given to the application of dressing/antibiotic sprays to wounds.

Where husbandry procedures are carried out on-farm, it is a requirement that you document this in your health plan - and a recommendation that the need of husbandry procedures is reviewed with a vet.

A competent stock person is trained and/or experienced stockman who understands the welfare implications of the procedure they are undertaking, the methods they are using and the conditions for use.

#### CATTLE

PROCEDURE/METHOD		CONDITIONS OF USE			
		Animal age	Operator	Anaesthetic	Analgesic
Castration	Elastration/Rubber ring	1 <sup>st</sup> week of life only	Competent stock person		
	Clamp/bloodless	Up to 2 months	Competent stock person		With
	Other method	Up to 2 months	Competent stock person	With	With
	When animal is over 2 months of age	Over 2 months	Vet only	With	With
Disbudding	Chemical cauterisation	1 <sup>st</sup> week of life only	Competent stock person		With
	Other method than above e.g. hot iron	Up to 2 months	Competent stock person	With	With
Dehorning	Cutting/sawing horn ( <b>must</b> not be used routinely)	Up to 5 months	Competent stock person	With	With
		Over 5 months	Vet only		
Removal of Supernumerary Teats	Using clean, sharp scissors	Up to 3 months	Competent stock person	With	With
		Over 3 months	Vet only		

Routine tail docking of cattle is not permitted.

#### SHEEP

PROCEDURE/METHOD		CONDITIONS OF USE			
		Animal age	Operator	Anaesthetic	Analgesic
Castration	Elastration/Rubber ring	1 <sup>st</sup> week of life only	Competent stock person		
	Clamp/bloodless	Up to 3 months	Competent stock person		
	Where the animal is over 3 months of age or where any methods other than the above are used		Vet Only	With	With
Tail Docking*	Rubber Ring	1 <sup>st</sup> week of life	Competent stock person		
	Hot iron/clamp	Up to 2 months	Competent stock person	With	
	Surgical/ other	Any age	Vet Only	With	With
Dehorning and disbudding**	Trimming of insensitive tip of an in-growing horn	Any age	Competent stock person		
	All other cases	Any age	Vet only	With	With

\* There must be sufficient tail to cover the vulva or the anus. Any shorter must only be in the case of emergency, disease or injury following consultation with a vet (and administration of anaesthetic).

\*\* Under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (as amended), only a veterinary surgeon may de-horn or disbud a sheep, apart from trimming the insensitive tip of an ingrowing horn, which if left untreated could cause pain or distress.