

## 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 trained and 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.

#### GOATS

PROCEDURE/ METHOD		CONDITIONS OF USE			
		Animal age	Operator	Anaesthetic	Analgesic
Castration	Elastration/Rubber ring	1st week of life only	Competent stock person		
	Clamp/bloodless	Up to 2 months	Competent stock person		
	Where the animal is over 2 months of age or where any methods other than the above are used		Vet Only	With	With
Dehorning and disbudding	All other cases	Any age	Vet Only	With	With

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