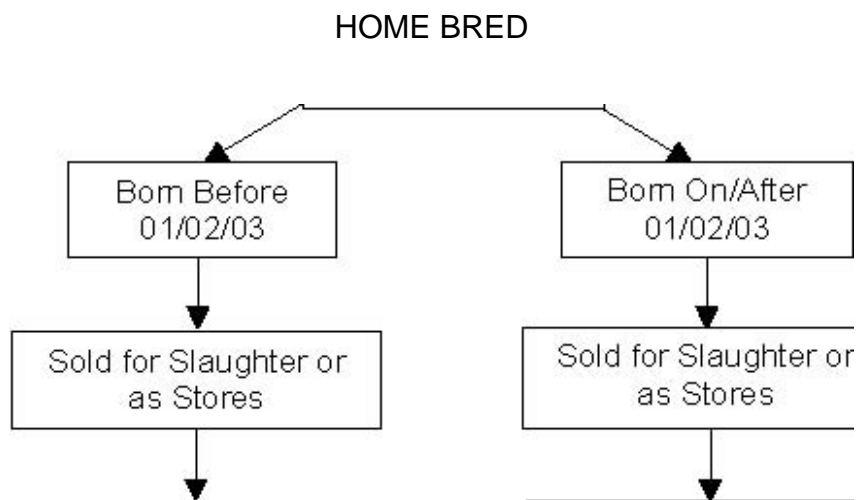


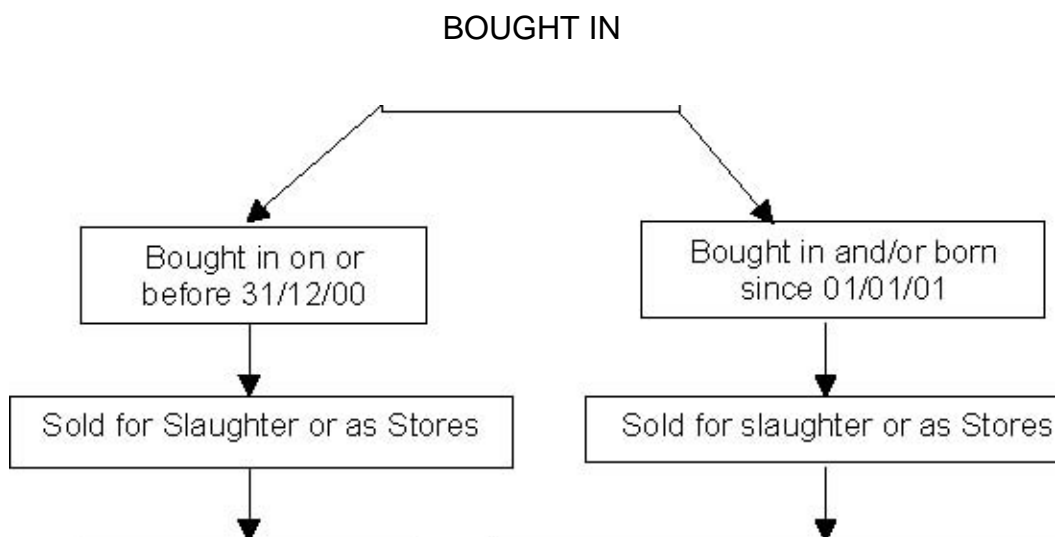
# The Sheep & Goats (Records) Identification & Movement (Interim Measures) (England) Order 2005

Selling Sheep?  
Do You Know the Tagging Requirements?



Origin Mark and, if it does not include an Individual Identification number, a further 'baseline tag' with the origin mark and an individual identification number must be applied.

Origin Mark (including an Individual Identification number)



Your S-Mark  
Including an  
individual number  
(max 6 digits)

Origin mark, any other S marks  
applied, your 'S' Mark including an  
individual identification number if not  
on origin or previous 'S' tag

You may not apply your 'S-Mark to bought-in sheep which already have **three other marks**, these may only be

moved from your holding by recording the individual identification number on either the UK or S tag.

There is at present no requirement to record individual identification numbers in your movement book, other than in the following circumstances, movements to shows, export or for movements of breeding rams and the movement of sheep which already have a UK tag and 2 'S' tags, in which case the individual identification number must be recorded.

**Records must be made within 36 hours of the sheep being moved on or off a holding.**

The individual number may be of any format providing there is no other identical number.

**Sheep must be identified before being moved off the holding of birth or:**

- a) Within 9 months of birth, if kept in extensive or free range conditions.
- b) Within 6 months of birth in any other case.

**AN ORIGIN MARK (HOLDING OF BIRTH TAG)**, is the letters 'UK', the flockmark of animals holding of birth, (allocated by the divisional Veterinary Manager of DEFRA) and after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2003, an individual identification number of that sheep, applied by the way of an ear tag, (if tattooed, does not include the 'UK')

**AN 'S' MARK (MOVEMENT TAG)**, Is the letter 'S', before the flockmark of the holding the sheep is departing from, it indicates the animal was not born on that holding.

**BASELINE 'S' TAG (MOVEMENT TAG)**, is the letter 'S' before the flock mark of the holding the sheep is departing from and an individual number if the other tags attached to the sheep do not have an individual number.

Sheep born after the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005 must be identified with a tag as the primary means of identification. Tattoos are no longer permitted as the official form of identification.

For further information, please contact **Environmental Protection, Animal Health Section, Swindon Borough Council, Premier House, Station Road, SN1 1TZ**  
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