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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: Animal Welfare Division.

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6. Products Concerned

Live sheep.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

A Code of recommendations for the welfare of sheep was published in 1983 and is now being updated to take account of changes to legislation and recommendations made by the Farm Animal Welfare Council. Changes have also been made to the format of the Code to make it easier to relate the advice given to legislative requirements. As it is merely a code of recommendations, recognition of equivalent standards and testing is regarded as axiomatic.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

GB legislation makes it an offence to cause or allow livestock on agricultural land to suffer unnecessary pain or distress (UPUD). Codes of recommendations for the welfare of livestock have been issued which provide advice to farmers. Failure to comply with the provisions of such a code is not itself an offence, but the law provides that such failure may be cited by the prosecution as tending to establish guilt when an offence of UPUD is being considered. Farmers are required by law to have a copy of any relevant codes which are made available free of charge.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. A final draft of the "Codes of recommendations for the welfare of livestock: Sheep" is sent with this notification.

ii. -

iii. -

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

No



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