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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1993 No. 3248**

**AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES**

**The Artificial Breeding of Sheep and Goats Regulations 1993**

*Made* - - - - 24th December 1993  
*Laid before Parliament* 30th December 1993  
*Coming into force* - - 1st January 1994

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in relation to England, and the Secretary of State for Scotland in relation to Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales in relation to Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 10(1) and (2) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Title and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Breeding of Sheep and Goats Regulations 1993 and shall come into force on 1st January 1994.

**Approval of centres and teams**

2.—(1) The appropriate Minister, upon being satisfied that a semen collection centre complies with the provisions of Council Directive 92/65/EEC(2) laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(1) to Directive 90/425/EEC (in particular Chapters I, IIB and C and III of Annex D) (so far as it relates to ovine and caprine semen), shall, for the purposes of export of ovine and caprine semen to another member State, approve the semen collection centre.

(2) The appropriate Minister, upon being satisfied that a collection team is capable of complying with the provisions of Directive 92/65/EEC in relation to the collection of ova and embryos of sheep and goats may approve that team for the purposes of these Regulations.

(3) Any approval granted under this Regulation shall be in writing and may be made subject to conditions and may be modified, suspended or revoked by notice in writing at any time.

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(1) 1984 c. 40. See section 10(8) for a definition of “appropriate Minister”.  
(2) OJNo. L268, 14.9.92, p. 54.

### **Intra Community trade**

3.—(1) No person shall collect, process, store or transport for the purpose of export to another member State any ovine or caprine semen, ovum or embryo unless it meets the conditions laid down in Article 11 of Directive [92/65/EEC](#).

(2) No person shall use semen for the insemination of any sheep or goat for the purpose of production of ova or embryos for export to another member State unless—

(a) the sheep or goat meets the conditions laid down in Chapter IV of Annex D to Council Directive [92/65/EEC](#), and

(b) the semen meets the conditions laid down in Article 11(2) of that directive.

(3) No person shall collect any ovum or embryo from any sheep or goat for the purpose of export to another member State unless he is a member of a team approved under Regulation 2(2) above.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd December 1993.

*Richard Packer*  
Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Scottish Office  
24th December 1993

*Hector Monro*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,

21st December 1993

*Gwilym Jones*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for  
Wales

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulation)*

These Regulations implement Council Directive [92/65/EEC](#) as regards the production for intra Community trade of the semen, ova and embryos of sheep and goats and providing for the approval of semen collection centres and embryo collection teams.

Contravention of the Regulations is an offence under section 10(6) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984.

A Compliance Cost Assessment has been prepared and deposited in the library of the House.