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DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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This policy outlines revised guidelines for the sale of footrot infected sheep in compliance with the Act. It should replace the existing policy in section 4.10.3 of the NSW Footrot Eradication Manual

SALE OF FOOTROT INFECTED SHEEP

Owners of infected flocks or mobs should be encouraged to dispose of these sheep:

1. Directly to an abattoir for slaughter.
2. Large lines of infected sheep may be sold for slaughter through CALM. Encourage owners of infected sheep to investigate this option through their local CALM agent.
3. Through trading of sheep between properties in quarantine for footrot within areas of the same or lower disease status, as published in the Government Gazette by Ministerial Notification, subject to:
 - Disclosure by the vendor to the purchaser in writing of the footrot affected status of the sheep; and
 - The approval of the District Veterinarian for the Rural Lands Protection Board area in which the destination property for the sheep is situated for the movement of the infected sheep to that property; and
 - The issue of a permit by an inspector under the Stock Diseases Act 1923.
4. Through "slaughter-only sales".

With the approval of the SFVO, under S.20B (3)(6) and 20C (3) of the Stock Disease Act 1923 the "Slaughter-Only Sale" may be held in:

- a) a saleyard where no regular sheep sales are held; or
- b) a saleyard where regular sheep sales are held but on a different day to the regular sale; or
- c) in a saleyard where regular sheep sales are held on the same day as a regular fat sheep sale, provided the infected sheep are isolated from clean sheep in the yard and ensuring every effort is made to prevent the spread of disease to the clean sheep. The sale of the infected sheep should take place in an isolation area of the saleyard where sheep with other diseases such as lice or ovine brucellosis can also be offered for sale.

The following criteria should be met before the SFVO allows "slaughter-only sales" at existing yards:

- Where sales are held in the same saleyard or on the same day as ordinary sheep sales, the requirements for isolation should be agreed to by local representatives of NSW Farmers, Agents and RLP Boards and Councils.
 - In all cases the saleyard, or that portion of saleyard nominated for the footrot sale, must be quarantined for 6 days after the removal of the infected sheep. Ensure that the portion of the yard involved is not used for any other sheep sales or travelling stock during that time. With SFVO approval, this period can be reduced.
 - The sale of the slaughter only sheep should be held after the sale of the clean sheep in the yard on that day.
 - Any loading ramps used to unload or load the infected sheep must be included in the isolation area, and must not be used to unload or load clean sheep on the day of the sale.
 - All trucks bringing infected sheep to the yards must not bring clean sheep in the same load if it is a mixed sale. These trucks must be thoroughly washed out before they leave the saleyard.
- d) The Agents holding the sale must sign an agreement (attached) stating they will comply with these conditions.

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AGENTS' AGREEMENT FOR CONDUCTING SLAUGHTER ONLY SALE

I.....of.....
name of agent * address

hereby agree to abide by the following conditions for conducting

a 'slaughter only' sheep sale at (location)

Nominated section of yard

- The saleyard or section of yard involved shall be isolated for 7 days after the slaughter only sale.
- Separate loading ramps will be used to unload and load the slaughter only sheep.
- The sale of the slaughter sheep will be held after the sale of clean sheep in the yard that day.
- All trucks transporting infected sheep to the saleyard will be washed down before leaving the yard.

Signed (agent)
for and on behalf of Agents Association

Date.....

Signed (Inspector)

Date

*or nominated representative of Agents Association

Recommendation: DV

Approved: SFVO