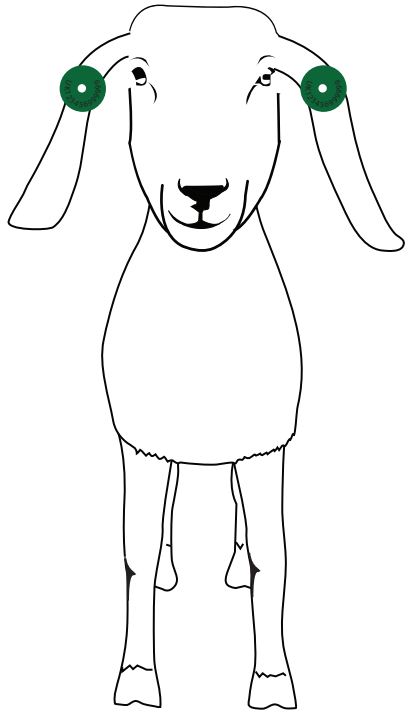


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For more information about EID and the individual recording elements:

Telephone Defra – 08459 335577

Go online – <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/farmanimal/movements/goats>

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Record keeping rules

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Defra have secured an amendment to the regulation to limit the impact of the introduction of individual recording requirements for older animals (ie born before 31 December 2009).

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- **Keepers are not required to maintain records electronically, so you won't need to use a computer or electronic reading equipment unless you want to.**

Consultation

- Defra undertook a consultation (31 March-23 June 2009) on the new EU rules for sheep and goat keepers with implementation of EID and the individual recording elements. The consultation is still available on the Defra website for information at: www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/eid/index.htm

- Defra undertook a further consultation (6 August – 31 August) as we have secured a further beneficial change (Central Point Recording) which enables alternative implementation options to be considered – webpage: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/eid-august09/index.htm>. Central Point reporting means electronically identified animals can be read on behalf of keepers at approved reading points, such as markets and abattoirs.

Further information about EID and in particular the individual recording elements can be found on the Defra website:

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or the Defra helpline on: 08459 335577