

Demonstration of Life Assurance Scheme (Sheep and Goats)

Application Procedure

This document provides guidance to slaughterhouses wishing to participate in the Demonstration of Life assurance programme. Applications must be submitted to AHDB in the first instance. AHDB will then ensure that FBOs are made aware of the requirements and pre-requisites of the programme. The slaughterhouse will return the completed application form to AHDB (awal.fuseini@ahdb.org.uk). AHDB will check the completed application form before submitting it to the FSA via approvals@food.gov.uk. The FSA will then arrange for veterinary supervision of the demonstration to be carried out at no cost to the abattoir.

Pre-requisites

- DoL training conducted by AHDB
- DoL protocol read and understood
- Serviceable electrical stunning equipment (with maintenance records)
- Suitable method of restraint (V restrainer is acceptable)
- A penetrative captive bolt gun as backup stunner (with maintenance records)
- A suitable table to put animals on for post-stun DoL assessment
- Adequate facilities/space in the stunning/trial area to ensure the safety of staff during the demonstration
- A suitable video recording device (if required)

Time of trial

It will be necessary to ensure that all unwanted machinery and speaker systems are turned off during the trial to eliminate background noise. To minimise the impact of the trial on the operation of slaughterhouses, trials should be conducted at the start or end of the normal production run.

Personnel to be present

- FSA Veterinary Lead
- FBO- AWO or Other person of responsibility
- Halal Certification Body's representative

Application Form

- Name and address of abattoir

- FSA Approval Number of the abattoir

- Reason for trial

Demonstrate to domestic consumers

Demonstrate to export market

Demonstrate to both domestic and export market

- Preferred time of trial

At the start of production run

At the end of production run

- Main methods of slaughter in the slaughterhouse

Stun and non-stun slaughter

Only slaughter with stunning

- Species of animals to be used in trial

Only goats

Only sheep

Both sheep and goats

- Approximate daily throughput

- Method of restraint

V-restraint

Open pen

- Type of electrical stunner

- Electrical parameters used

Frequency

Voltage

Current

Duration of application

- Approximate start and end time of production

Full Name.....

Designation/Position.....

Signature.....

Date

**Please return all completed applications to: awal.fuseini@ahdb.org.uk or post hard copies to
Awal Fuseini, Halal Sector Manager, AHDB, Middlemarch Business Park, Coventry, CV3 4PE.**

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