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NFU lobbying delivers for livestock members – Defra announce that the within business moves exemption is to continue.

This movement exemption currently allows sheep movements between different holding numbers within the same business (provided the keepership does not change) to be reported as a batch rather than by individual animal.

Defra had intended as part of the 10 mile rule to remove this exemption from the 1st of January 2018. The NFU has been calling for this exemption to be maintained as its removal would add unnecessary burdens on farmers businesses, without delivering any improvement in traceability.

Defra has today announced that they are proposing to extend the current provision to permit batch reporting for within business sheep movements that stay in the same keepership.

This will be communicated to all livestock keepers in November to coincide with the annual inventory.

Farm buildings and Temporary Land Association's

Defra has also provided clarity on linking buildings under the new TLA rules. All future TLA applications will require sole occupancy of an individual building.

CTS Common Land Links

Under the ten mile rule, all CTS links are being removed. For commoners this will now mean:

- Cattle movements to non-contiguous common land must be reported to BCMS/CTS. CPH numbers for the common land (unique to the keeper) will be issued to support movement reporting;
- For holdings with contiguous common land a record will be created on AMLS that the land is contiguous (as for sheep) and movements will not need to be reported.

Standstill rules continue to apply (i.e. to be served on return to the home holding) for both contiguous and non-contiguous common movements and the keeper's register must record the movement. These requirements have not changed from the current position with CTS links.