**How should I be identifying my Sheep?** A summary of the sheep ear tag legislation from January 2015

### I am tagging animals intended for slaughter under 12 months of age

- Scottish and English keepers will need one Electronic ear tag bearing flock mark only e.g. UK 244220.
- Welsh Keepers may use conventional slaughter tags as well as Electronic slaughter tags until January 2016- bearing flock mark only.
- Northern Irish Keepers must identify animals with a double set- please see below.

### I am tagging animals which will be kept beyond 12 months of age

Must be double identified with one Electronic tag and one Conventional tag bearing the same number e.g. UKO 244220 00001 or UK1 244220 00001 in Northern Ireland.

### I would like to upgrade some animals which were originally tagged for slaughter (Not applicable to Northern Irish Keepers)

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| Remove existing tag and replace with your next set of tags, one Electronic and one Conventional, bearing the same number. | Scottish and Welsh Keepers
Animals can only be upgraded if full traceability can be proved. The slaughter tag can then be removed and replaced with a set of red replacement tags, one Electronic and one Conventional bearing the same number. English Keepers
Animals can only be upgraded if tagged with an Electronic slaughter tag and on their first movement. Then the slaughter tag can be removed and replaced with a set of red replacement tags, one Electronic and one Conventional bearing the same number. |

### I would like to replace some lost ear tags

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| **Born pre 2010 (Historic Flock)**
It is advised to retag with your next set of tags, one Electronic and one Conventional bearing the same number. | **Born pre 2010 (Historic Flock)**
It is advised to retag with a set of red replacements, one Electronic and one Conventional bearing the same number. **Born after 2010**
Retag with an identical replica tag if original identity is known. OR Retag with your next set of tags, one Electronic and one Conventional bearing the same number. **Born after 2010**
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In all cases please ensure the necessary entries are made in your holding register - please refer to your Sheep Keepers Guidance booklet for more information.

**Colour restrictions:**
- Replacement tags only
- Electronic Tags only
- Bolused animals only
- Reserved for bolused animals in GB
- Reserved to highlight replacement bolus in the Republic of Ireland