# SHEEPMAP CHECKLISTS FOR FLOCK MANAGERS

Checklists are voluntary but can be used as a guide to help Flock Managers work through the required elements of the program.

## CHECKLIST 1 - INITIAL FLOCK / PROPERTY RISK ASSESSMENT

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|  | Have a copy of the current version of the SheepMAP manual readily available. |
|  | Make an agreement with a veterinarian who is approved to participate in the SheepMAP and retain a copy of the agreement on file. |
|  | Assist the veterinarian to conduct a Flock and Property Risk Assessment and to; |
|  | Prepare a Flock Management Plan (see Element 5). |

## CHECKLIST 2 - ONGOING TASKS TO MAINTAIN FLOCK STATUS

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|  | Check the ‘land’ regularly for evidence of entry of other eligible animals (sheep strays, goats and deer) and record what you do to manage these incursions. |
|  | Check the boundary fencing around each paddock before you introduce animals to the paddock and when you remove them from the paddock. |
|  | Check the entire length of the boundary fence at least every three months. |
|  | Check boundary fences after storms for fallen branches etc. |
|  | Repair any breaks or holes in fences or floodgates immediately. Record the date and the name of the person carrying out these inspections and repairs. |
|  | Check flood gates after any major changes in pattern of flow of rivers or creeks running through or adjoining the land. Record details of all damage and repairs. |
|  | If present, check railway land or other adjoining public land regularly for stray stock. |
|  | If you know of or suspect faecal run-off from neighbouring properties has encroached on to the land, record the date and location of the encroachment and report it to the Approved Veterinarian. He/she will advise you if you need to amend your Flock Management Plan. |
|  | Schedule your Approved Veterinarian to conduct an Annual Veterinary Review or test each year. Date due ........./........./......... |
|  | Schedule your Approved Veterinarian to conduct flock testing in accordance with the testing strategy in the Flock Management Plan (see Element 6). |
|  | Advise the Approved Veterinarian immediately if you become aware of any event that may influence the flock’s disease status. |

## CHECKLIST 3 – Introducing Sheep

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|  | Before introducing any sheep confirm their MAP status and origin and obtain a Sheep Health Declaration from the owner. |
|  | In consultation with your Approved Veterinarian confirm that the animals are eligible for introduction into the flock. |
|  | Confirm and record the additional testing requirements for sheep introduced from flocks with a lower status (if required). |
|  | Record relevant details of introduced stock. |
|  | Record and maintain testing details for introduced stock. |
|  | Before introducing any goats confirm their MAP status and eligibility for introduction onto the property. |

## CHECKLIST 4 – DEALING WITH UNINTENTIONAL ENTRY INTO FLOCK

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|  | Remove all strays or unintentional introductions as soon as possible. |
|  | Record relevant details related to the incursion. |
|  | Notify your Approved Veterinarian and in consultation determine impact and necessary actions. |
|  | Check boundary security and repair immediately. |
|  | Carry out any actions requested by your veterinarian. |

## CHECKLIST 5 – MOVING SHEEP BY WALKING

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|  | If there is potential for grazing or drinking during walking consult with your Approved Veterinarian and gain prior approval for the movement. |
|  | Ensure that eligible species from flocks of lower status have not run on or otherwise contaminated land to be crossed during the previous 12 months. |
|  | Obtain a written declaration confirming the above from the owner of the land to be crossed. |
|  | Maintain appropriate livestock movement records. |

## CHECKLIST 6 – MOVING SHEEP TO AND FROM SHOW, SALE OR ARTIFICIAL BREEDING CENTRES

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|  | Ensure that the venue has been audited and sight the venue’s Certificate of Compliance prior to dispatching sheep. Alternatively conduct prior evaluation of housing and hygiene standards at the venue. |
|  | Ensure truck drivers are aware of requirements for transporting SheepMAP sheep. |
|  | Inspect trucks or other transport prior to loading. |
|  | Ensure the status of assessed sheep is not compromised on the truck or at the event. |
|  | Complete and retain livestock movement record forms. |

## CHECKLIST 7 – MOVING SHEEP for Agistment

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|  | Prior to dispatch consult with your Approved Veterinarian on the suitability of the land. |
|  | Ensure truck drivers are aware of requirements for transporting SheepMAP sheep. |
|  | Inspect trucks or other transport prior to loading. |
|  | If sheep are exposed to animals or land of lower status during agistment consult with your Approved Veterinarian to determine if the sheep can return to the flock. Carry out all actions requested by your Approved Veterinarian. |
|  | Complete and retain livestock movement record forms. |

## CHECKLIST 8 – IF ASSESSED ANIMALS STRAY FROM THE PROPERTY

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|  | Notify your Approved Veterinarian and carry out all agreed actions. |
|  | Distinctly identify animals that have strayed. |
|  | Determine the cause(s) of straying and rectify any boundary defects. |
|  | Record relevant details related to the incident. |

## CHECKLIST 9 – PREPARING A FLOCK MANAGEMENT PLAN

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|  | Prepare the Flock Management Plan as detailed in this section in consultation with the Approved Veterinarian. |
|  | Sign the Flock Management Plan and retain one copy. |
|  | Notify all your neighbours in writing that the flock is enrolled in SheepMAP. |
|  | Notify the Approved Veterinarian if you undertake any action, or become aware of any event, that may change the flock’s disease risk status. |
|  | Notify the Approved Veterinarian if you become aware of a trace-forward or trace-back from an infected flock to the SheepMAP flock. |

## CHECKLIST 10 – Testing Flocks

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|  | Determine current status of flock in consultation with Approved Veterinarian and the type of test required e.g. Sample or Maintenance Test. |
|  | Schedule Approved Veterinarian to carry out required test. |
|  | Ensure adequate sheep handling facilities available for testing and that a suitable livestock identification system is in place to present and record the identities of the sheep tested. |
|  | In consultation with the Approved Veterinarian determine number of animals to be sampled from each mob. |

## CHECKLIST 11 – VACCINATING SHEEPMAP FLOCKS

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|  | If vaccination is to be used to maintain flock status, vaccinate all sheep in the flock initially. |
|  | Vaccinate all lambs in flock before 16 weeks of age each year. |
|  | Vaccinate all introduced sheep if not already vaccinated at the time of purchase. |
|  | Identify all vaccinated animals with an Approved Vaccination Tag. |
|  | Record and maintain vaccination records. |
|  | Retain copies of all Sheep Health Declarations for vaccinated animals which are sold or moved from the flock. |

## CHECKLIST 12 – MAINTAINING YOUR SHEEPMAP SYSTEMS

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|  | Keep the required records in a suitable format and retain them as required. |
|  | Control the documents that are part of your SheepMAP compliance. |
|  | Participate in and conduct the required reviews and audits – internal and external. |