# SHEEPMAP CHECKLISTS FOR APPROVED VETERINARIANS

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**FOR PROPERTY/FLOCK:**

## CHECKLIST 1 – INITIAL FLOCK/PROPERTY RISK ASSESSMENT

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|  | Make an agreement with the flock manager who wishes to participate in the SheepMAP program and retain a copy of the agreement on file. |
|  | Ensure the flock manager has a copy of the SheepMAP manual and understands the principles of the SheepMAP, especially the concept of risk management. |
|  | Conduct a property and flock risk assessment in conjunction with the flock manager. |
|  | Allocate the initial flock status and advise the state MAP Coordinator using the Status Notification Form available from your State Department. |
|  | Advise flock manager on any actions required (repairs or upgrades to fencing or stock handling facilities). |
|  | In consultation with the flock manager prepare a Flock Management Plan (see Element 5) and ensure that the flock manager is aware of their responsibilities in relation to this plan. |
|  | Issue the flock manager with a current Flock Status Certificate using the form available from your State Department. |

## CHECKLIST 2 – ONGOING TASKS TO MAINTAIN FLOCK STATUS

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|  | Conduct an Annual Veterinary Review of the activities that have occurred and review the property/flock risk assessment, sheep introductions and movements and the Flock Management Plan in conjunction with the flock manager and provide written advice to the flock manager. |
|  | Amend the Flock Management Plan with the flock manager as required. |
|  | Ensure that any necessary changes are made before confirming the status of the flock or allowing it to progress. |
|  | Conduct Maintenance and Sample Tests as requested by the flock manager and provide copies of the test results. |
|  | Issue the flock manager with a Flock Status Certificate following each review or test. |
|  | Notify the State Department of Primary Industry or Agriculture of the status of the flock after each review or test using the Status Notification Form available from your State Department. |
|  | Advise the State Department if a trace back or forward from an infected flock occurs. |

## CHECKLIST 3 – Introducing Sheep

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|  | Ascertain risk of infection from sheep or other eligible species proposed for introduction. |
|  | Confirm with flock manager that animals are eligible to enter the flock. |
|  | Carry out testing of animals introduced from flocks with a lower status (as required). |
|  | Audit the flock manager’s compliance with this Element of the SheepMAP. |

## CHECKLIST 4 – DEALING WITH UNINTENTIONAL ENTRY INTO FLOCK

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|  | Assess the risk of infection from the unintentional incursion. |
|  | Determine if any action is required and notify the flock manager accordingly. |

## CHECKLIST 5 – MOVING SHEEP BY WALKING

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|  | Ascertain the risk of infection when animals are to be moved by walking. |
|  | If risk is considered low or minimal provide written approval for the movement to the flock manager. |

## CHECKLIST 6 – MOVING SHEEP for Agistment

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|  | Conduct a risk assessment on the land proposed for agistment. |
|  | If sheep are exposed to animals or land of lower status during agistment conduct a risk assessment to determine if the sheep can return to the flock. Detail all reasons and risk management procedures in the Flock Management Plan and notify the flock manager of any action required. |

## CHECKLIST 7 – IF ASSESSED ANIMALS STRAY FROM THE PROPERTY

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|  | Assess the risk of infection posed by the return of straying animals. |
|  | Determine action(s) required (if any) and notify the flock manager accordingly. |

## CHECKLIST 8 – PREPARING A FLOCK MANAGEMENT PLAN

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|  | Provide advice and assistance to the flock manager on the preparation of the Flock Management Plan. |
|  | Sign the Flock Management Plan and retain one copy. |
|  | Assess the risk of infection from any event notified by the flock manager that may change the flock’s disease risk status. |
|  | Determine the actions required (if any) and notify the flock manager accordingly. |
|  | Carry out flock testing as required if the flock manager becomes aware of a trace-forward or trace-back from an infected flock. |

## CHECKLIST 9 – Testing Flocks

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| Approved Veterinarian | |
|  | Conduct flock testing as requested by the flock manager. |
|  | Record and maintain test results. |
|  | Conduct follow-up testing on positive pools as required. |
|  | Provide flock manager with test results. |
|  | Notify Department if infected animal(s) detected and flock removed from SheepMAP. |

## CHECKLIST 10 – 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. |