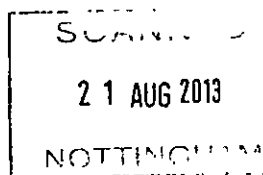


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Dear Agreement Holder

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Moorland requirements (UX3/UOX3)

We are writing to you because you have the Moorland Option UX3/UOX3 as part of your Environmental Stewardship agreement. An error has been identified in the version of the ES handbook that covers your agreement.

Details of the actual prescription from the 4th Edition ELS handbook are shown below.

Avoid overgrazing and undergrazing and, in any case, maintain a minimum stocking rate of 0.05 livestock units (LUs) per hectare for a period of 4 months between 1 June and 30 September. Grazing livestock can include cattle, sheep and ponies but all stock must be acclimatised to the conditions of the moor. **Sheep must consist of hardy native breeds and/or their crosses.**

The minimum level of grazing as specified above equates with 0.5 ewe/ha plus lambs at foot based on LU conversion factors shown in Appendix 4. **The list of recognised hardy native breeds of sheep is shown in Appendix 5.**

Appendix 5 on pages 172 -173 that details the hardy native breeds is incorrect. Please now refer to *Section 7* in the enclosed *Official list of changes* for the correct list of hardy native breeds to be used with this option to ensure that you continue to manage your agreement within the scheme rules.

As a quick reference guide, the list of recognised hardy native breeds of sheep are listed below:

Beulah Speckled Face	Exmoor Horn	Rough Fell
Black Welsh Mountain	Hebridean	Scottish Blackface
Brecknock Hill	Herdwick	Shetland
Boreray	Hill Radnor	Soay
Castlemilk Moorit	Icelandic	South Wales Mountain
Cheviot	Lonk	Swaledale
Dalesbred	Manx Loghtan	Welsh Hill
Dartmoor	North Country Cheviot	Speckled Welsh Mountain
Derbyshire Gritstone	North Ronaldsay	Whitefaced Woodland

Please keep this letter and the *Official list of changes* with your agreement documentation for future reference. If you have any queries regarding these changes please contact Natural England Central Enquiries Service on 0845 600 3078 or email enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

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