

## **Tb Scheme Guidelines for Movement of Alpacas for Mating Purposes**

1.0 The Approved scheme (para 10) clearly states the movement control criteria to be used when alpacas are moved around the country.

1.1 Between Clear herds in Clear areas, movement is not an issue.

1.2 Between Clear herds in Endemic areas movement can take place as long as the animal has been tested within 60 days.

1.3 Between a Clear herd in a Clear area and a Clear herd in an Endemic area, movement is not an issue.

1.4 Between Clear herd in an Endemic area and a Clear herd in a Clear area, the animal has to have been tested within 60 days.

2.0 The Scheme rules work well for animals moving on sale, or moving to relocate in a new area for a mating "season" (however long and defined).

It does not cater for the movement of animals (be they male or female) for mating purposes on a short term basis (mobile matings).

There are a number of scenarios to be addressed. It is not the intention to restrict the commercial movement of animals for mating services, but to advise safeguards that best protect the animal moving, and the farms visited, within practical constraints.

Clearly movement to and from Clear herds in Clear areas do not cause any concern. The scenarios of potential concern are movements from endemic areas to clear areas, or within endemic areas either to do the stud mating, or on return from the stud mating.

It is proposed that these scenarios be addressed as follows:

3.0 For movement of females:

3.1 Females moving to stay at a host farm for a series of matings and spit off's (the usual case) shall be subject to the normal testing rules of the scheme.

3.2 Females moving to a host farm for a single mating incident, and staying no more than 24 hours on the host farm, can move to that farm without testing, as long as:

3.2.1 The Female is from a Clear herd under the scheme, and the farm visited is a Clear herd.

3.2.2. The Female is kept isolated from other stock on the host farm (except the stud male) during the period of the visit.

3.2.3 The host farm owner is willing to accept that Female for mating.

4.0 For movement of stud males:

4.1 Stud Males moving to stay at a host farm for a series of matings and spit offs over a period of time, shall be subject to the normal testing rules of the scheme.

4.2 Stud Males moving to a host farm for a single or several mating incident(s), and staying no more than 24 hours on the host farm, can move to that farm without testing, as long as:

4.2.1 The Male is from a Clear herd under the scheme and the farm visited is a Clear herd.

4.2.2 The Male is kept isolated from other stock on the host farm (except the female(s) he is mating) during the period of the visit.

4.2.3 The host farm owner is willing to accept that Stud Male onto the farm for mating.