

Official Society Sale Regulations at July 27, 2020

Auctioneers

The Society conducts official Society Sales alongside the following Auctioneers:

- United Auctions – Stirling – 01786 473055

Closing Dates for Entry

All entries must be completed online, the closing date is September 11, 2020 at Midnight.

Conditions of Sale

The Institute of Auctioneers and Appraisers in Scotland has updated its guidance for Scottish livestock auctions as more restrictions are eased during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The main changes are:

- All sales of livestock are now permitted subject to guidance being followed.
- One vendor per consignment may be allowed at ringside to see their stock sold and will be asked to exit the market when that has happened.
- Pre-sale viewing for buyers can be implemented where possible and in a controlled manner to allow buyers the opportunity to view stock before sales commence.

It is also recommended that customers wear face coverings in enclosed areas of the markets in line with the requirements on public transport and shops.

Full details of the current operational guidelines that have been agreed with Scottish Government officials are noted below.

These guidelines offer a framework for individual auction marts to operate within. Whilst markets now have the option to allow buyer viewing and limited vendor access, their ability to do so will depend on their own operational circumstances. Therefore, customers should be aware that there is no guarantee that all markets will offer additional access as this will be dependent on their own circumstance governed by matters such as the shape of the auction market and staffing levels. All of these additional services require agreement with Local Authorities and the Health and Safety Executive before they can be implemented.

Auction Market COVID 19 Operating Guidelines

Vulnerable People

- Anyone who has been in contact with a COVID19 case or has been in a high-risk area must not attend sales.
- It is strongly recommended that buyers over the age of 70 do not attend sales. Those who do wish to attend should be encouraged to read Scottish Government health advice in the first instance ([NHS Inform Higher Risk Groups](#)). If the individual still wishes to attend a sale, they do so at their own risk and should be reminded of the requirement to maintain the 2m physical distance at all times.
- Anyone displaying any illness or symptoms of any illness or has any underlying health problem must not attend.

- Pregnant ladies and children must not attend sales.
- General public, trade and others not directly involved in sales must not to attend.

Livestock Sales

- The sale of all classes of livestock are permitted.
- This category of sale includes, but is not limited to, prime and store cattle, sheep and pigs, cull cows, sheep and pigs, dairy animals, breeding cattle, cows with calf at foot, breeding sheep, ewes with lambs at foot, breeding pigs, poultry etc.

Delivering livestock to auction marts

- Please check booking in arrangements with local auction mart operator.
- Deliveries made to marts as normal via livestock trailers/hauliers.
- Hauliers/farmers to unload livestock into pen beside loading bay.
- Mart staff collect required paperwork from driver across biosecurity line or via email (preferable) ensuring maximum social distance is maintained.
- Mart staff to collect livestock from the loading bay pens and pen up in the mart.
- Vendors MUST NOT take paperwork to mart offices or enter the mart at any time or for any reason.
- It is recommended that hand washing/sanitising facilities are available at loading bays.
- A minimum physical distance of 2 metres must always be maintained. Consider closing every second bay to aid the management of this.
- Vendors should be reminded they must cleanse and disinfect their vehicles before transporting any other animals and in any case within 24 hours of the journey.
- Vendors are also reminded that animals should only be presented to markets that have been tested in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements and industry schemes.

Vendor Access

- From Monday 20th July, individual marts may allow 1 vendor per consignment to enter the mart premises to see their stock sold, subject to meeting all current Public Health and IAAS guidelines and in agreement with HSE/Local Authority officials.
- It will be up to individual marts to compile and agree an operational plan based on their own specific circumstances.
- The vendor should pre-register attendance with their stock and individual marts will be required to ensure that only registered vendors enter the premises. This is to ensure compliance with and support the Test and Protect system.
- Vendors must meet the same requirements as are in place for the attendance of buyers and staff and these are laid out in our guidelines.

- Vendors must not congregate, and best practice guidance is that vendors should be allowed controlled access to see their stock in the ring and should leave the premises once their stock has been sold.

Buyers coming to auction marts to purchase livestock

- Any buyer must pre-register their attendance at any sale. Only buyers known to marts should be permitted access to any class of sale.
- The number of buyers must be restricted to ensure physical distancing (min 2 metres between each buyer) is always maintained.
- The number of buyers a sale can accept will depend upon the size and layout of sale rings. Areas should be clearly marked to show the spacing required around the ring.
- Buyers must declare that they have not been in contact with a positive COVID-19 case nor have visited a high-risk area during the previous 14 days.
- Buyers to sign in and out of auction mart premises. Marts must keep a register of those who attended their sales. This includes name, address and telephone number.
- Where possible buyers should be asked to 'double up' or provide orders to reduce numbers of buyers attending sales.
- At the conclusion of the sale buyers must be asked to enter the sales office in a way that maintains physical distancing and absolutely ensures the 2m rule is observed.
- Suitable bio-security measures must be in place and available – hand washing facilities/hand sanitisers/foot dips etc. Buyers must use these on entry and exit.
- No additional visitors will be admitted to the mart on sale days outside of key staff and registered buyers.

Buyer Viewing

- From Monday 20th July marts may allow buyers to view stock held in the penning area before the sale commences subject to meeting all current Public Health and IAAS guidelines and in agreement with HSE/Local Authority officials.
- It will be up to individual marts to compile and agree an operational plan based on their own specific circumstances.
- Best practice guidance is that this viewing should be completed via a controlled one way system through the penning area with individuals restricted to viewing on their own and maintaining the required physical distance between themselves, staff, vendors and other buyers. Minimising touching of pens and other touch points should be encouraged. Hand sanitisers should be provided on entry and exit to viewing area.
- It is also suggested that a specific time is set aside for this viewing period to ensure it can be effectively and properly managed.

Removal of stock post auction

- Hauliers/farmers arrive at mart in normal manner; however, they are to remain in vehicles until loading bay space becomes available.

- Reverse to loading bays and, from a safe physical distance of at least 2 metres, inform the mart staff of consignment to collect. Marts should consider closing every second bay to aid the management of social distancing.
- Mart staff to deliver livestock to pens beside loading bays and haulier/farmer should complete the loading of the lorry/trailer.
- Mart staff to share paperwork with driver as required across the biosecurity line ensuring a safe distance maintained. Mart staff to maintain maximum physical distance possible from vehicle driver and ensure it is always a minimum of 2 metres.
- Haulier/farmer leaves the site.

Mart Cafes & Canteens

- Cafes and restaurants must close, however takeaway services can operate provided that all seating areas have been closed off and physical distancing measures continue to be adhered to.
- Operators should refer to the latest published [guidance](#) for businesses operating takeaway services while adhering to hygiene requirements and physical distancing guidelines for employees and customers.
- Those operating takeaway services should consult with their Local Authority for further advice where necessary.
- Operators are reminded of the importance of keeping food and drink away from any animal areas for the protection of animal health and that it is illegal to feed catering waste to animals.

Market Staff

- Each market to ensure that all staff in all parts of the market always maintain a physical distance of 2m. This includes the penning area, office and box.
- It is recommended that a comprehensive action plan in this regard is in place and available to discuss with Local Authority staff.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020

“Businesses that are deemed critical to the economy will require to meet distancing requirements under Regulation 4 of the above regulations to prevent the spread of Covid 19. In practice this will mean ensuring separation of staff, sellers and buyers in line with the regulations and any associated guidance.

Enforcement is likely to be by Environmental Health Officers or Trading Standards Officers authorised under regulation 7 of the above Regulations. This is a public health duty and should not be mistaken for normal duties carried out primarily under animal health and welfare legislation.

It is likely that Environmental Health Officers/Trading Standards Officers will visit market premises to ensure compliance. They will expect to find systems in place to maintain separation of everyone in the market including staff. If systems do not properly manage the risk of spreading Covid 19 they will advise, warn and ultimately issue prohibition notices for

practices, systems or whole businesses that do not comply with the Regulations. In situations where compliance cannot be achieved and businesses continue to trade this could lead to prosecution of the business, staff and/or officers of the business. It should also be noted that it is an offence to obstruct any person carrying out a function of the above Regulations.

Officers will wish to work with businesses to achieve full compliance but due to the risks involved it is likely that they will escalate enforcement as outlined above to minimise the risks of Covid 19 being spread.”

General

- Shows are not currently permitted.
- Members should consider restructuring sales or holding sales of different categories of stock on different days to ensure compliance with social distancing in all areas of the mart and at all times.
- Marts MUST be thoroughly cleaned down after every sale.
- Members can canvass and visit farms for specific purposes and with prior approval of the business in question. Physical distancing should be maintained, and hand washing/sanitisation completed regularly at these visits. A record of all calls made in person should be maintained and be accessible as required by authorities to aid Test and Protect.
- Haulage drivers may be permitted access to toilets within the market if no facilities are available outside. Access should only be granted when it is safe to do so and physical distancing of 2m can always be maintained. Drivers must leave the market concourse immediately after using facilities and should not congregate. Strict hygiene routines must be followed as well as a record of entry/exit.
- Operators should review contingency plans on an ongoing basis and always follow HPS’s COVID-19 guidance for non-healthcare settings. https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf

Test and Protect

- The NHS are asking people to self-isolate who do not have symptoms but have been in close contact with someone who has been confirmed by testing to have the virus.
- This is part of Test and Protect – Scotland’s approach to implementing the ‘test, trace, isolate, support’ strategy. You can find out more Test and Protect here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/>

Face coverings

- From 22 June, face coverings are mandatory on public transport. It will apply to all passengers and staff in public areas, although there will be exemptions especially for those who are not able to wear a face covering for specific medical reasons.

- Scottish Government recommend that people should wear face coverings in enclosed spaces where physical distancing might not always be possible.
- A face covering should cover your mouth and nose while allowing you to breathe comfortably. It can be as simple as a scarf or bandana that ties behind the head.

Benefits

- Public health protection is the most important aspect and we can operate safely with high levels of cleanliness, biosecurity and always ensuring physical distancing.
- Livestock trading can continue, ensuring continuity of supply for the food chain, now and in the future, animal welfare is maintained at the highest level and the rural economy can continue to operate.
- Our national food chain continues to be assured that livestock will remain available now, and over the longer term with no supply chain interruption at the primary point of production.
- The use of auction marts means that the alternative of farm to farm sales is limited ensuring that buyers, farmers and hauliers are not constantly moving, unmonitored, from farm to farm.
- Use of auction marts ensures ongoing traceability of stock and high levels of animal welfare are ensured.
- Animal welfare is maintained as it ensures that farms do not become overstocked or retain stock unsuitable for the farm system.
- High levels of biosecurity are maintained across all parts of the mart system.
- Marts continue to help the rural economy operate in a transparent and fair manner through livestock and machinery auctions being available.

General Sales Conditions – Highland Cattle Society

The Sales are conducted under the General Conditions of Sale, which are exhibited in the Mart and in accordance with regulations approved by The Highland Cattle Society.

Notwithstanding any other sale conditions, cattle will be sold subject to the National Beef Association Male and Female Breeding Warranties, as amended by the Highland Cattle Society with particular regard to the Highland breed. These Warranties contain provisions by way of exclusion and limitation of liability in favour of the Vendor and the Auctioneers. The attention of sellers and buyers is particularly drawn to a change in the bull breeding warranty (trial period) Clause 4.2 <http://www.nationalbeefassociation.com/resources/nba-terms-conditions-of-sale/>

Copies of which are available free of charge from the Highland Cattle Society, Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling FK9 4RN. Telephone: 01786 446866.

Email: info@highlandcattlesociety.com

All animals purchased at Society Sales must be paid for in full on the day of the sale. Credit cards and cash will be accepted. Arrangements to transfer money in advance of the sale can be made directly with the auctioneer.

NO ANIMAL WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE MARKET UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

Entry Conditions

All Bulls, Cows, Heifers, Calves and pure Highland steers are accepted for entry under the regulations pertaining to the Sale of Pedigree Highland Cattle as drawn up by the Society.

- All animals entered for the Sale must be pedigree and registered or accepted for registration by the Highland Cattle Society.
- All animals entered for Sale should be the bona fide property of the Vendor and must be bona fide exposed for sale. Animals not bred by the Exhibitor must be registered in their name with the Society. No substitution of animals entered in the Catalogue will be permitted.
- Each animal needs one primary and one secondary tag, both showing the same unique individual identification number. The primary tag must be a yellow plastic, distance-readable flag tag. It can go in either ear. The secondary tag must be in the other ear. It must have the same information as the primary tag but may also contain management information. If you add management information, it should not affect or confuse the official identification information on the tag. It is a criminal offence to transfer ear tags between animals or to re-use an identification number that was given to another animal. It is also illegal to move or sell cattle which are not properly tagged with their unique number.
- Immediately after the purchase is declared the risk of the animal shall be exclusively with the Purchaser save that in the event of an animal being rejected as in 3(b) the risk shall remain with the seller.
- Cows in the last 10% of pregnancy (approximately 27 days), or that have given birth in the last week, are considered not fit for transport, and are also unfit for presentation at market.
- A calf with a navel which is not completely healed is considered unfit for transport.
- Cattle must be handled and transported separately from other species. Immediately after the purchase is declared the risk of the animal during transportation shall be exclusively with the Purchaser. The following separations must also be applied:
 - Cattle of significantly different sizes or ages
 - Sexually mature males from females
 - Animals with horns from animals without horns
 - Animals hostile to each other
 - Tied animals from untied animals

Fees & Levies

- Entry Fees: There is no Entry Fee for this Show and Sale.
- A levy of £2 per animal is payable by the purchaser and due to the National Beef Association.
- Market Levies: Please contact the relevant auctioneer for details on their levies

Assessment

Every registered pedigree highland bull is subject to a rigorous inspection / assessment to continue to improve the breed and ensure ongoing customer confidence. If any member has an issue with an animal forward at an Official Society sale, they must inform the Chief Steward and they will appoint a fieldsman who has no connection with the sale to investigate the matter. If necessary, a vet may be called to help them in their decision. The

Chief Steward and the Fieldsman will speak to the owner in confidence regarding the action they deem appropriate.

Data Collection

With effect from February 2017 the Society will use the Official Society Shows and Sales to gather information that can be stored centrally and used to promote the breed to external organisations. They will record the weights of 2 and 3-year-old bulls and take a measurement of height. No 2 or 3-year-old bull will be eligible for the sale unless its weight and height have been recorded.

Health and Safety

- All market Health & Safety rules and regulations must be followed.
- All animals are at the risk of the vendor before sale and at the risk of the purchaser after sale.
- All Bulls put forward at the Show and Sale must have a nose ring in place. This is in keeping with the guidelines of government legislation and health and safety requirements. This will apply to all Bulls put forward for both Show and Sale, however, Bull Calves will be exempt and will only require a snitch in order to maintain control. A Bull Calf will be classified as such until twelve (12) months old, thereafter a nose ring will be required.
- Pregnant Ladies & Young People must NOT attend the sale.

Health Status

Please note all cattle forward at sales must have been IBR and BVD (antigen and antibody) tested. All cattle however lose their accreditation status once they have entered the market premises. To regain status without affecting other cattle of higher status they must be isolated and retested either at the buyer's premises or the seller's premises (if unsold). To minimise the risk of cross infection on the market premises cattle for sale from a fold where all the animals are tested on a whole herd basis are segregated from animals with no health status. Animals tested on an individual basis are segregated from other animals of higher status and no status, if this is practicable; otherwise they are penned with animals of no health status. Animals consigned for an official sale held under the auspices of the Society who have failed any test, whether as part of a whole herd basis or as individuals, should be advised to the office of the Society and should not be presented for sale. Cattle vaccinated for Blue Tongue must be accompanied by a Declaration Form.

Any animal showing anti-bodies must be notified and a declaration will be added to the catalogue note.

Animals must be quarantined for 28 days prior to testing so please remember to allow plenty of time. Health Test Results Certificates must be sent to the Highland Cattle Society Office, Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling, FK9 4RN at least one week prior to sale. Anyone requiring information/advice please contact Anne-Marie Thomson or David Hyland on 01786 446866.

The four diseases currently available for control in cattle are: -

- IBR - Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis – Attested Cattle

- BVD - Bovine Virus Diarrhoea – Attested Cattle
- Johne's disease, (Paratuberculosis) - Attested cattle
- Leptospira Hardjo (Lepto) - Attested cattle

The UK is officially free of EBL - Enzootic Bovine Leucosis (EBL).

Cattle tested for any of the above diseases on a whole herd basis are described appropriately in the Index of Sellers. Please refer also to the Animal entered for the sale note section for any animal being privately tested. In view of the complexity of the health regulations buyers should seek to establish the current health status of any animal whose purchase is being considered by prior consultation with the seller.

Vendors must ensure that the correct health documentation (a photocopy of the current health certificate) accompanies each animal upon arrival at the mart to enable mart staff to direct them to the correct penning area. Failure to do so will result in their cattle being sold at the end of the sale.

Health Status (Overseas potential purchasers)

All overseas purchasers must ascertain the health status of the animal they wish to purchase prior to the auction and make the necessary arrangements for export prior to purchase. It is advisable that anyone interested in purchasing cattle for overseas export should contact their own Intra-Trade Animal Health Authority.

Disclaimer

The particulars shown in the Catalogue are furnished by the Vendors and are believed to be correct, the Society accepts no responsibility for any mistake or error therein. Vendors must intimate before or at the time of the Sale any mistake or misprint in their entry. The Society does not accept any responsibility for the health status of animals entered in the catalogue. The health status in the sale catalogue is not warranted by the Society. Sellers consign animals to the market premises entirely at their own risk.

Calves Sold at Foot

Bull calves at foot must be properly identified, birth notified and eligible for registration in the Herd Book.

Heifer calves at foot must be registered in the Herd Book unless otherwise stated.

For the Autumn sales all calves born after 31 March in that year must be sold with their dam. At the Spring sales all calves born after 31 July the previous year must be sold with their dam.

Appendix Animals

Females of unknown pedigree, but accepted, by inspection, as being of True Highland type, are eligible for entry in Appendix B of the Highland Cattle Herd Book. Only female progeny

out of Appendix females, and by registered Highland bulls, are eligible for entry in the Herd Book. Female calves from Appendix B cows are entered into Appendix A of the Herd Book, and female calves of Appendix A cows are entered into the Herd Book proper. No male progeny out of Appendix females can be accepted for entry in the Herd Book. Highland Cattle accepted for entry into either of the appendices are identified by the addition of the suffix 'B' or 'A' to the ear tag denoting the appropriate appendix.

Numbering

All animals will be numbered ON ARRIVAL by United Auctions staff at the sale premises and must remain numbered throughout the sale.

Halters & Bull Rings

All cattle entered for the sale except Highland steers must be halter broken and provided with a serviceable halter which will become the property of the purchaser. All bulls must have a ring with them before the sale.

Removal of Stock

Please follow guidelines above.

Commissions

The Auctioneers will carefully execute commissions to purchase on behalf of buyers unable to attend the sale in person upon receipt of written instructions. Any animals placed for sale that are sold outwith the ring must put the sale through the UA books of account.

Accounts

Buyer's numbers will operate for all Society sales and all prospective buyers should obtain a number from the accounts office before they make any purchases. The same number should be used throughout the market.

Settlement

Settlement in full for all stock purchased is due immediately at the close of the sale and before the stock is removed from the pens.

Highland Cattle Pedigrees

Buyers are reminded to retain the Sale catalogue. The short pedigrees of cattle offered for sale have been verified by the Society and are adequate for most practical purposes.

Change of Ownership

Change of ownership at official Society sales is recorded only on receipt of a Buyer's Declaration Form.

Documentation

Purchasers are reminded that all documents relating to the animal/s purchased must be uplifted from the market prior to leaving. The market cannot accept any responsibility for documents which may have to be posted out from the market.

Regulations may be subject to change.

