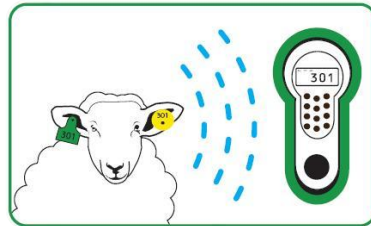




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Plans for Electronic Movement Recording



for Sheep, Goats and Deer

(July – September 2013)

The present situation

Since 2010

- EID and individual recording / reporting for breeding sheep
- Single tag and batch recording / reporting for slaughter lambs
- Movement reporting – paper AML1 via Local Authorities

Challenges going forward ...

- Reducing the recording/reporting burden
- **Utilising benefits available from EID ...**



Electronic Movement Reporting

What and when

- Now:** Moves reported on paper to LAs
- Changing:** To an electronic reporting system
- Why:** Much easier for keepers – (all sectors)
Quicker accurate data for disease control
- What:** Underpinning database / web portal
- When:** April 2014
- Who:** All - keepers, markets and abattoirs
- Choice:** For farmers - to report electronically or on paper
- How:** Single new service provider - SouthWestern



Electronic Movement Reporting

Features

- Online production of movement documents
- Online reporting of moves (*by destination keepers*)
- Paper bureau service for farmers without computers (*i.e. choice*)
- Easy to use system - to encourage farmers to e-report
- Free electronic holding registers - for keepers who e-report
- Integration with keepers farm management software
- Farmers helpline: ☎ 9am-5pm
- Extended in Yr1: (8am-8pm + Saturdays for peak lambing periods)



Electronic Movement Reporting

Benefits...

- Substantially improve the speed and accuracy of movement data = enhanced disease control capability.
- Less burdensome process for keepers
- Opportunity to develop commercial services of benefit to keepers (*Industry / demand led*)
- Provides useful statistical evidence for future EU negotiations
- Saves HMG £6.5m & Industry £600k in reporting costs over 10yrs



What happens next?

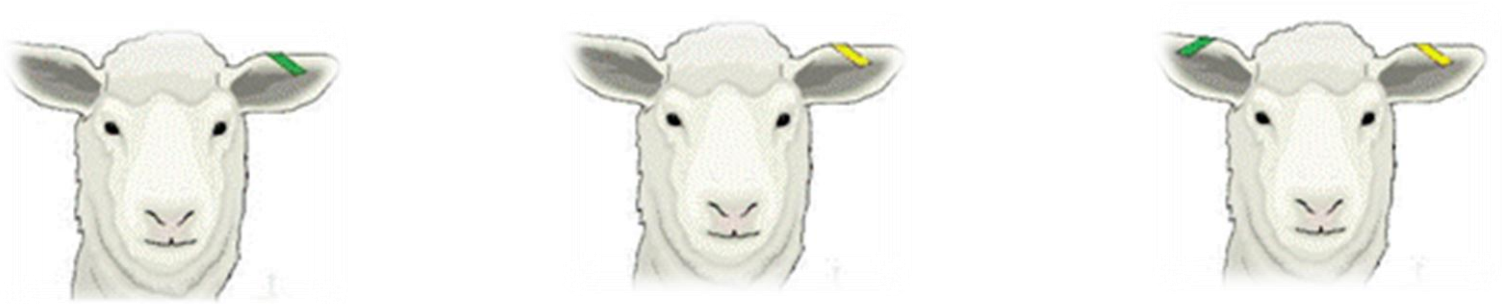
- Outcome of public consultation
- SAGRIMO legislation to be amended
- Industry briefing events to be organised
- Pilot testing of the-reporting system early next year
- Revised guidance for keepers
- Watch out for publicity



Lamb ID – the case for change

Why ?

- Current rules complicated - keeper uncertainty about what tags to use and when



- Current arrangements criticised by EU – a consistent GB approach is desirable
- '*Batch within batch*' recording for holding registers is difficult to achieve with current rules



Solution

Preferred option

- only use the EID slaughter tag



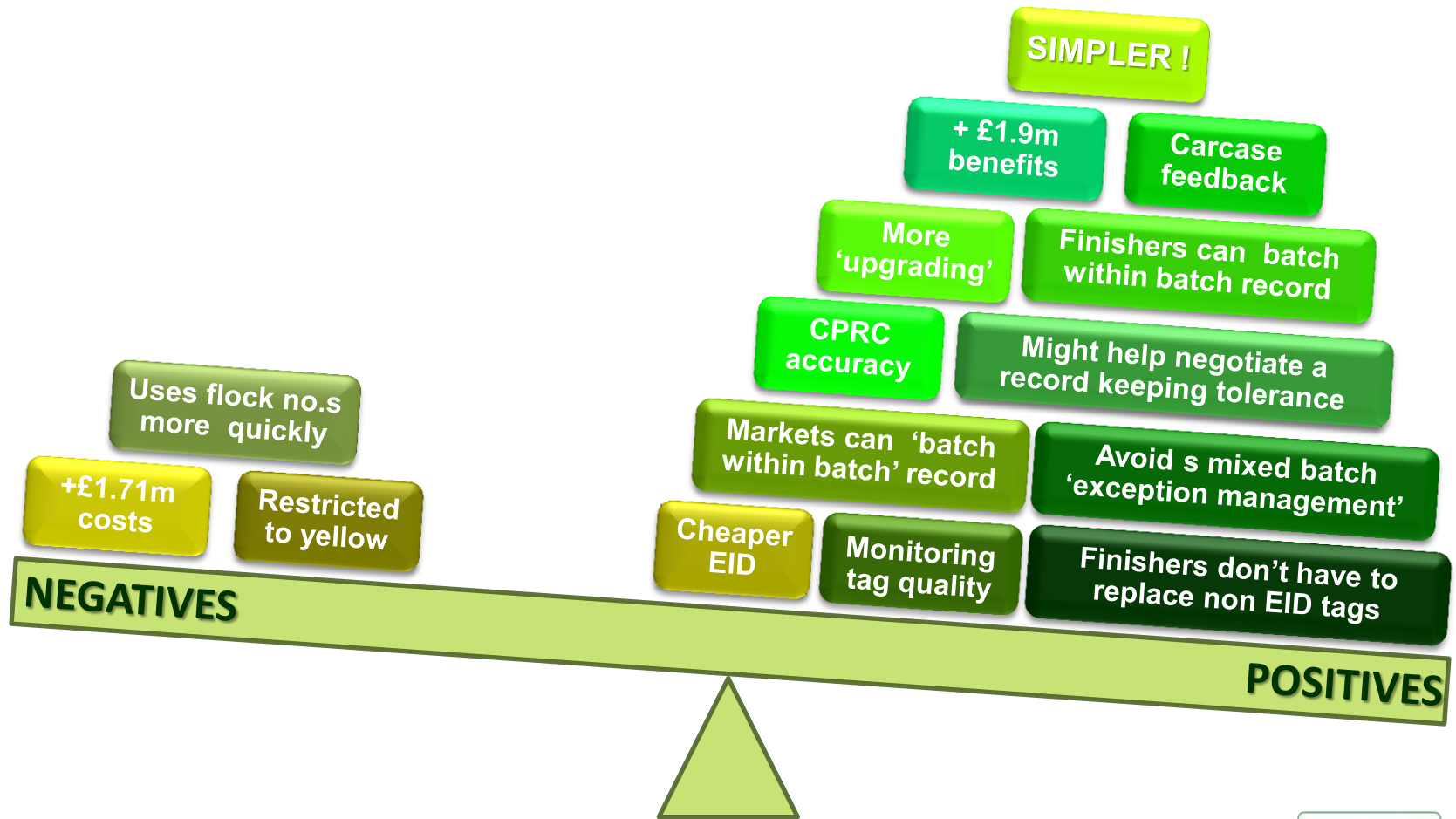
Alternative option

- restrict the non-EID tag for moves direct to slaughter from the HoB?



- Market forces haven't driven demand as industry expected
- Only a third of slaughter tags sold are electronic.

Electronic slaughter tag analysis



Injectable identifiers?

- Permitted by EU law – for double identified sheep/goats
- Possible option for hobby/pet keepers / keepers worried about ear damage, others?
- Research now published on trials in sheep and goats (ADAS)
- Proposals:
 - Restrict to non-food chain animals
 - Application site [groin]
 - Matching ear tag – colour – purple is proposed
 - Competency of person applying the injectable

