Shetland Agricultural Association

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF THE NAME "SHETLAND LAMB" AS A PROTECTED DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN (PDO)

1 APPLICANT GROUP

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Composition of the Group:

No. Producers : All Farmers/crofters within the Shetland Islands (approx. 1,250).

No. Processors: 4.

No Others: None.

2 NAME OF PRODUCT

Shetland Lamb.

3 TYPE OF PRODUCT

Fresh meat class 1.1

4 DESCRIPTION

Shetland Lamb has been marketed for approximately 70 years. Initially the product was sold exclusively within Shetland, but was marketed throughout the United Kingdom at least 60 years ago, and in recent years (at least 20) has also been available abroad, e.g. Faroe Islands.

Shetland Lamb comes from the native breed of Shetland sheep and its derivatives, slaughtered within 12 months of birth and marketed either as a whole body excluding all inedible offals, skin,head, feet and other offals except the kidneys or as cuts of meat from the whole body.

The characteristics of the carcase in terms of weight, category, fatness and conformation are determined in accordance with the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) Sheep Classification Scheme. The details are recorded on each carcase or on a label attached to it.

The fat on the carcase will be firm and white. The lean will be firm and of good colour.

The carcase will be clean, free from extraneous matter, and free of any abnormal odour.

5 GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

The area in which the lambs are born, reared, slaughtered, and prepared for marketing is defined as the group of islands in the North Atlantic off the north coast of Scotland known as the Shetland Isles.

6 BACKGROUND

The Shetland sheep is a distinctive breed, native to the Shetland Isles.

Virtually all sheep in Shetland are native sheep bred pure or crossed to produce the Shetland/Cheviot ewe. The Shetland or Shetland/Cheviot ewes are used to produce lambs for slaughter either with sires of the same breed, or with the Suffolk as a terminal sire.

Without the close, direct breeding link with the pure Shetland Sheep, the product is not acceptable as Shetland lamb.

7 METHOD OF PRODUCTION

Each producer controls his own flock of sheep and lambs are sold for slaughter within 12 months of birth as they reach a suitable stage of finishing aiming at a dressed carcase weight in the range 7kg to 12kg (pure Shetland) and up to 20 kg (crossed lambs).

The lambs are slaughtered and subsequently dressed in accordance with the relevant specification defined in the Standard Conditions for Dead Weight Purchase of Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs recommended by National Organisations in Great Britain (published by the MLC). The carcases are classified in accordance with the MLC Sheep Classification Scheme.

After dressing the carcases are transferred to a controlled chilling environment, where they are held until they are dispatched to customers.

8 LINK

The texture and flavour of the meat is distinctive and different from lamb derived from other breeds of sheep produced in other regions and countries. This is essentially due to the unique topography, geology, and climate of Shetland.

9 INSPECTION BODY

At present the inspection of the process and product is with the MLC's Inspection Service. The possibility of a Shetland based, suitably approved inspection body is in the early stages of investigation.

10 LABELLING

Each carcase will carry the name Shetland Lamb. Each carcase will bear an indication of its protection as a designation of origin (PDO) in close proximity to the registered name.

Third party outlets where the carcases are broken down into cuts for sale to the ultimate consumer and/or caterers, etc. may also use the PDO designation to identify Shetland Lamb.

11 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1980

FOOD SAFETY ACT 1990

Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1992 (No 2037)

Meat and Poultrymeat (Staining and Sterilisation) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (No 704 S. 61)

Meat and Meat Products (Hormonal Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 1989 (No 2157 S. 142)

Fresh Meat and Poultrymeat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examination for Residues) (Charges) Regulations 1990 (No 2494)

Fresh Meat and Poultrymeat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examination for Residues) (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 (No 2353)

Animals and Meat Products (Maximum Residue Limits and Examination for Residues) Regulations 1991 (NO 2843)

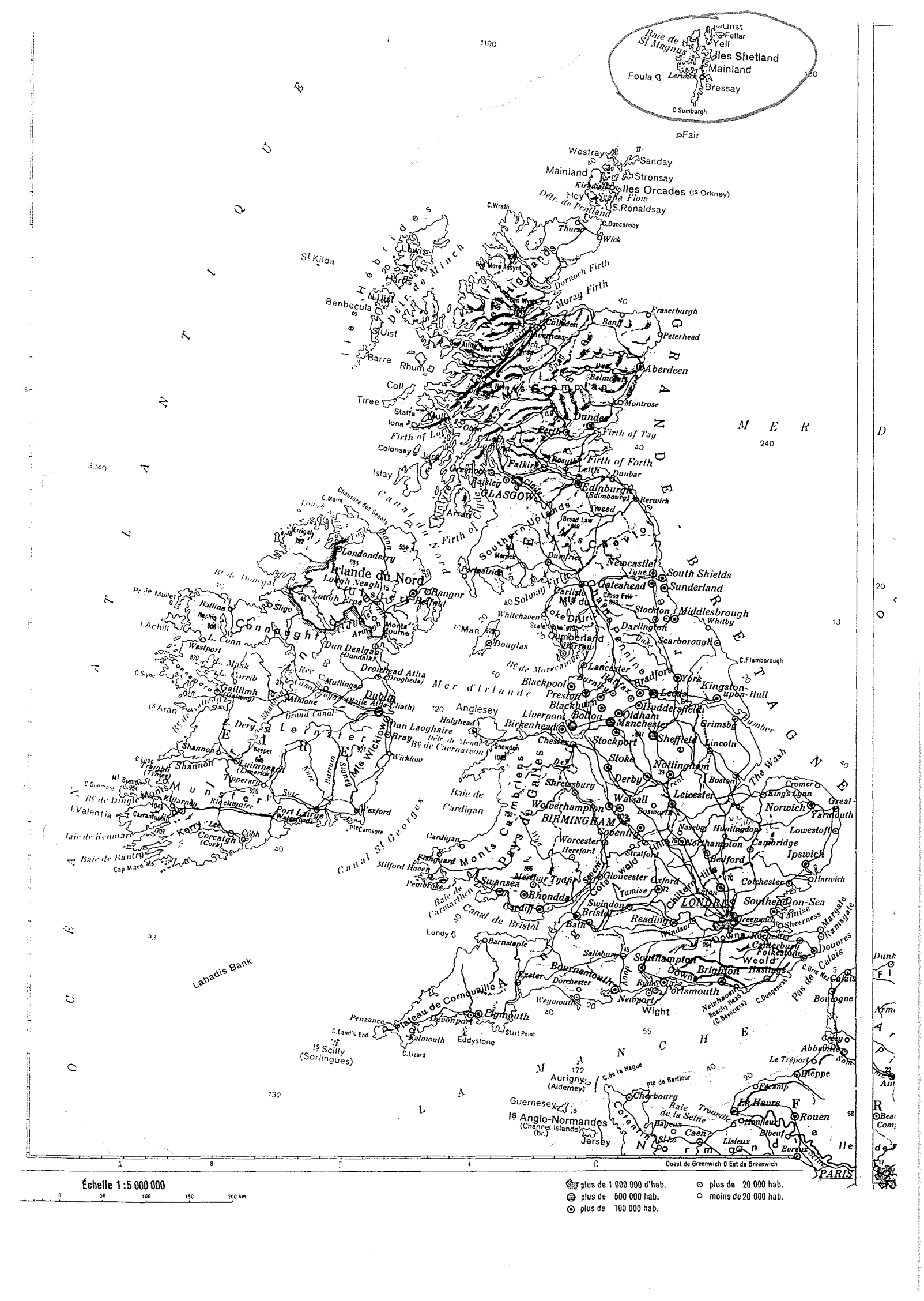
Meat Hygiene Appeals Tribunal (Procedure) Regulations 1992 (No 2921)



SHETLAND LAMB

Geographical area :

Shetland Islands


Unst
Fetlar
Yell
Baie de St Magnus
Iles Shetland
Mainland
Foula
Lerwick
Bressay
C.Sumburgh
Fair
Westray
Sanday
Mainland
Stronsay
Iles Orcades (Is Orkney)
Hoy
Scapa Flow
S.Ronaldsay
Détr. de Pentland
C.Wrath
C.Duncansby
Thurso
Wick
St Kilda
Dornoch Firth
Moray Firth
Fraserburgh
Peterhead
Aberdeen
Benbecula
Uist
Barra
Rhum
Coll
Tiree
Staffa
Iona
Colonsay
Islay
Arran
Firth of Lorn
Firth of Forth
Firth of Tay
Dundee
Perth
Montrose
Falkirk
Edinburgh (Edimbourg)
Berwick
GLASGOW
Canal de Crinan
Canal de Caledonie
Canal de Forth et Clyde
Londonderry
Irlande du Nord
Belfast
Bangor
Lough Neagh
Lough Erne
Sligo
Ballina
Achill
Connaught
Westport
Dun Laoghaire
Dublin
Drogheda
Dundalk
Mullingar
Athlone
Grand Canal
Galway
Gaillimh
Shannon
Limerick
Tipperary
Waterford
Port Lairge
Wexford
Wicklow
Bray
Kerry
Corcaigh (Cork)
Killarney
Dingle
Valentia
Labadis Bank
Lundy
Barnstaple
Penzance
Plateau de Cornouaille A
Plymouth
Devonport
Falmouth
Eddystone
Start Point
C.Land's End
C.Lizard
Is Scilly (Sorlingues)
Aurigny (Alderney)
Guernesey
Is Anglo-Normandes (Channel Islands) (br.)
Jersey
Cherbourg
Baie de la Seine
Le Havre
Rouen
Honfleur
Caen
Bayeux
St-Lô
Lisieux
Evreux
PARIS
Le Tréport
Dieppe
Fécamp
Pte de Barfleur
C.de la Hague
Mer d'Irlande
Anglesey
Holyhead
Liverpool
Birkenhead
Chester
Blackpool
Preston
Blackburn
Burnley
Halifax
Bradford
Leeds
York
Kingston-upon-Hull
Huddersfield
Oldham
Manchester
Bolton
Stockport
Sheffield
Grimsby
Lincoln
Stoke
Nottingham
Derby
Boston
The Wash
Shrewsbury
Walsall
Wolverhampton
BIRMINGHAM
Coventry
Leicester
Bosworth
Worcester
Hereford
Stratford
Cambridge
Northampton
Norwich
Great Yarmouth
Lowestoft
Ipswich
Bedford
Colchester
Harwich
Gloucester
Oxford
Swindon
Bristol
Reading
Bath
Salisbury
Southampton
Bournemouth
Brighton
Portsmouth
Newport
Wight
Dorchester
Exeter
Weymouth
LONDRES
Southend-on-Sea
Greenwich
Sheerness
Margate
Ramsgate
Canterbury
Folkestone
Douvres
Calais
Boulogne
Hastings
Dungeness
Pays de Galles
Monts Cambriens
Baie de Cardigan
Milford Haven
Fishguard
Pembroke
Swansea
Rhondda
Cardiff
Canal de Bristol
Canal St Georges
Mer d'Irlande
Manche
Ouest de Greenwich 0 Est de Greenwich
Échelle 1 : 5 000 000
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plus de 1 000 000 d'hab.
plus de 500 000 hab.
plus de 100 000 hab.
plus de 20 000 hab.
moins de 20 000 hab.