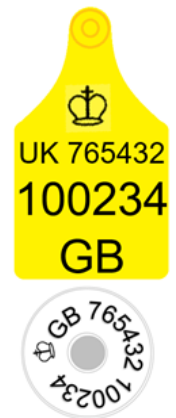


## Options for identifying livestock intended for export to the EU from 1 January 2021

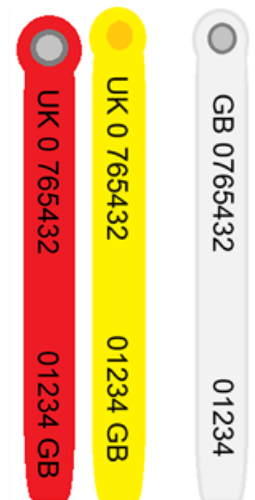
### Cattle

- Where animals are identified for the first time, the keeper can order new runs of UK tags with a 'GB' suffix on the secondary tag only. This would mean 'GB' should be at the bottom of a secondary flag tag or the centre of a secondary button tag.
- This could also be utilised where secondary replacement tags are required for animals that have already been identified, but the tag is damaged, illegible or missing.
- Where an animal is already registered and identified, the keeper can order a third (management) tag with the prefix 'GB' followed by the animals individual number.
- Tags will not be removed in any of these scenarios.



### Sheep and Goats

- Where animals are identified for the first time, the keeper can order new runs of UK tags with a 'GB' suffix on full EID tags. This would mean 'GB' would need to be at the bottom of the fold over/loop tag or the centre of a button tag.
- This could also be utilised where replacement/duplicate tags are ordered for animals that have already been identified.
- For lambs already identified with slaughter tags, they will need to be removed and replaced with full EID UK tags with a 'GB' suffix.
  - If the lambs are still on the holding of birth, the full EID replacements must be yellow,
  - If the lambs are being re-identified off the holding of birth, the full EID replacement identifiers must be red.
- Where an animal is already identified with full EID, the keeper can order a third (management) tag with the prefix 'GB' followed by the animals existing identification number.
- Tags must only be removed, when upgrading slaughter lambs to full EID.



### Pigs

- Where animals are identified for the first time the keeper can order new runs of UK tags with a 'GB' suffix **OR** a tattoo bearing the 'UK' prefix, herdmark, animal number and 'GB' suffix.
- This could also be utilised where replacement/duplicate tags are ordered for animals that have already been identified.
- Where an animal is already identified, the keeper can order an additional (management) tag **OR** apply a tattoo with the prefix 'GB' followed by the herdmark and animal number.
- Tags will not be removed in any of these scenarios



Your regular ear tag supplier will be able to provide these tags. You should tell them that they are for animals intended for export to the EU and the information needed on them. The export tags should be recorded in your holding register. Please allow 3-6 days for this process, to ensure your tag supplier can produce and deliver your tags within the timescales required.

**The changes listed above are for live animals intended for export only, no identification changes are required for animals remaining in the UK.**