

Export Policy

Rationale

Hebridean sheep are an ancient breed of North Atlantic Short-Tailed sheep selected and developed over centuries to thrive in the topographical and climatic conditions to be found in the highlands and islands of Scotland and, more generally, in the British Isles.

The first object of the constitution of the Hebridean Sheep Society is "The promotion of agriculture by the encouragement, promotion and improvement of the breeding of the Hebridean breed and **the maintenance** of the purity of the breed."

HSS has no legal regulatory control of Hebridean sheep or genetic material outside the United Kingdom. Such animals or genetic material would pose a threat to the maintenance of the purity of the breed.

Policy

The Hebridean Sheep Society does not approve or support the export of live Hebridean sheep, semen, ova or embryos from the United Kingdom.

Hebridean sheep born and remaining outside the United Kingdom from registered parents may not be entered into the Hebridean Flock Book (*The Black Book*).

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