

This document outlines **key differences** in the SBLAS standard, when compared to the old Beef and Lamb Quality Assurance Scheme. This is a **guide only** and the SBLAS Producer Standard should be referred for each requirement.

### 3.1 Records

- Provide sustainability survey information

### 3.2 Stockmanship, Capability & Competence

- Familiar with zoonoses
- Cloned animals not permitted

### 3.3 Identification & Traceability

- Separate sheep dispatch dockets for QA & non-QA sheep

### 3.4 Animal Remedies & Related Equipment

- Veterinary service providers & product suppliers identified
- Veterinary instructions adhered to
- Notices issued by the abattoir/DAFM retained
- Inform Bord Bia in event of a positive test result for animal medicine residue

### 3.5 Animal Feed & Water

- Storage tanks for animal drinking water covered

### 3.6 Land Management

- Cattle can only access watercourses at controlled points
- Farm roadways managed to minimise damage to land & pollution
- Fertiliser stored to prevent damage & pollution

### 3.7 Specific Management Tasks: Bovines

- Routine dehorning/tethering/induction/tail docking prohibited
- Disbudding done before 2 weeks or if between 2-4 weeks done under local anaesthetic
- Sire selection policy in place to improve the economic performance
- Where castration is carried out it should be considered if it is suitable based on market requirements & done before the animal is 6 months old

### 3.8 Specific Management Tasks: Ovines

- Where castration is carried out it should be considered if it is suitable based on market requirements & done before the animal is 3 months old when using a burdizzo
- Tail docking carried out in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of life

### 3.9 Animal Health & Welfare

- Comply with BVD regulations
- Where a BVD PI animal is identified, animal is removed from the herd within 5 weeks of test
- Suspected/confirmed PI animals isolated from other animals

- Access to a functional sheep handling facility
- Purchased stock monitored for signs of disease 1 month
- Animal mortality & significant animal health events recorded.

### 3.10 Biosecurity & Pest Control

- Only officially approved pest control products used
- Product labels/data sheets available for each rodenticide
- Measures in place to minimise insect infestation in feed storage & handling facilities.

### 3.11 Housing

- Mechanical, electrical & automated equipment maintained to ensure effective operation

### 3.13 Environment

- Slurry/manure imports recorded
- Burning of plastics prohibited
- Tree felling licences obtained where required

### 3.14 Farm Personnel: Health, Safety & Social Sustainability

- Appropriate PPE for handling hazardous materials.
- Aware when a farm accident must be reported to the HSA
- Plan in place for dealing with emergencies
- Means of fire control

### 3.15 Pesticides (Plant Protection Products and Biocides)

**Note:** This is a new section introduced to reflect the introduction of the Sustainable Use Directive

- Only pesticides registered with DAFM & bearing a current PCS No. or IE-BPA No. used
- Pesticides only used for the purpose for which they have been authorised
- Pesticides handled in accordance with Appendix 15
- Pesticides stored securely in original packaging
- Person(s) applying professional use pesticides registered with DAFM
- Sprayers with a boom width of >3m (& older than 5 years) inspected & certified
- For each pesticide used, a record maintained
- Empty chemical containers triple rinsed, punctured & stored safely pending disposal
- Safe disposal method for rinsate
- Products that have been withdrawn from the market used up within the allowed time period