



FACT SHEET

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ANIMAL WELFARE OBLIGATIONS FOR PAINFUL HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES IN SHEEP

! MINIMUM STANDARDS

No painful procedures to be performed on animals under 12 hours old

CASTRATION AND SCROTUM SHORTENING

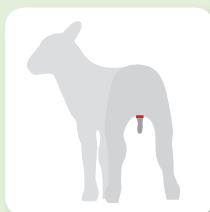


Pain relief MUST be used if animals are over six months old.



CASTRATION

Use correct size of rubber ring
- Ring ABOVE testes and below teats
- If using high tension band then anaesthetic must be used (any age)



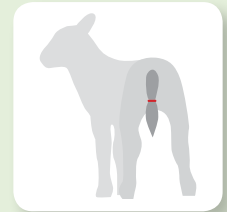
SCROTUM SHORTENING (CRYPTORCHID)

- Ring below testes
- Testes pushed up into cavity or held against abdomen

DOCKING



When docking animals over six months pain relief MUST be used



Must ONLY be undertaken if necessary

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE



Always use pain relief for any age



Work Hygienically



Seek veterinary advice on best methods

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE



Dock lambs within six weeks of birth



If in doubt, seek veterinary advice on best methods



Leave tails long enough to cover vulva in females and a similar length in males



Use pain relief

GENERAL INFORMATION



Use rubber rings and avoid surgery



Treat animals when a few weeks old

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Use conventional rubber rings or searing irons instead of cutting techniques or high tension bands (using a bander)

For more detailed information on minimum standards and best practice guidelines please refer to Animal Welfare (Painful Husbandry Procedures) Code of Welfare available from MPI Tel: 0800 008 333 or www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/codes-of-welfare/