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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING TANNING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

When uplifting from the abattoir, skins should be transported in a sealed container so there is no possibility of leakage and accompanied with a printed notice stating "CATEGORY 3 Animal By-Product (SALTED SHEEPSKINS) – **NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**"

Skins should be presented as clean as possible. Remember that moisture and/or dirt will allow bacteria to multiply and cause decomposition. Wool that is not attached to the skin/s where the new rise has come through, could have much shorter wool when they are finished. PLEASE check the condition of the fleece before you send them.

You will need to fill the correct form Animal Health form for this, which can be found on our website along with a copy of our tannery license. It is free of charge to courier your own by-product.

The Lamb / Sheep needs to be skinned as soon as possible after it is slaughtered. The skin should then be left with the skin side upwards to go **stone cold**. It is **important that no salt is applied before the skin is cold** or it will generate red heat marks.

If skins are not salted properly and as soon as possible it will cause wool slip or wool rot. Any discolouration shows that the skin is 'off' and we cannot tan the skin.

The skin should be well salted, with at least a 3mm layer of vacuum dried salt (available from agricultural stores). This is slightly heavier grained than table salt but not as coarse as salt used on roads.

A skin cannot be over salted. Please ensure that all areas of the skin are salted take care to include the edges and that they are not folded over. You should not be able to see the skin through the salt.

Please be careful not to allow metal to touch the skins this will cause rust stains and will turn black when mixed with our tanning agent.

If skins have been left with the following then with a sharp Stanley knife cut

- The small area at the neck if covered in blood
- Any ears and feet of they have been left on

- if the legs still together like sleeves then cut open but not off

Potentially it would be a good idea to mention this to the abattoir beforehand.

The skin should be folded with the wool on the outside down the spine and left undisturbed on a pallet in a dry, cool shed. The next skin can be laid alongside the first, spine to spine, with the third and fourth on top of these but across them and so on alternately.

After 3 days shake off the salt and replace with a layer of fresh salt

It is important to keep the skin(s) dry. The salt will be drawing moisture from the skin. Leave the skin as long as practical, ensuring it is not moved until it travels. This allows the curing process to commence.

To fit the skin into packaging fold the sides of the skin towards the middle, and then roll from the neck end down.

Bio-security regulations require any skins being moved to travel in a sealed compartment or packaging with a label included inside as above. There must be no possibility of leaks. We recommend a barrel of a type like this picture.

On average a 220l barrel can fit around 8-10 skins. If sending a smaller amount skins can be sent in several feedbags or boxes just ensure that there is no leakage.

Your animal should be salted as above and sent directly to us, in a sealed leak-proof container, (labelled as above) marked for the attention of Becky Hanley, Tanner. **PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY.**



Please include this with the Skins being sent directly to us

(Sealed in a way that it doesn't become damaged in transit)

You may also want to keep a copy for your records.

Name

Address

..... Postcode

Telephone Contact Number

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e-mail address

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Description of Skins (Breed, colour etc.)

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Number of Skins

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