

In what way is the SPECC checker changing?

SPECC will no longer use additional holdings notified to QMS to confer Scotch Potential Eligible (SPE) status on animals.

Why is the change being made?

Using only the members primary holding will improve traceability, protecting the Scotch brand.

Do all QMS members need to act?

No, only members who have animals registered to a CPH other than the primary CPH that they registered with QMS need to take action. We have emailed all impacted members directly and have directed them to appropriate next steps.

If you are unsure whether you need to take any action, please contact

brandsintegrity@qmscotlands.co.uk

Can I check for myself if I might be affected?

Yes, you can use the [QMS member directory](#) to check that the primary CPH number that you have registered with QMS matches the CPH you register your cattle to.

I highlighted to QMS that my cattle are all registered to one holding number, but that the number on the QMS system is incorrect; what can I do?

- If you send this information in writing, QMS can pass this to the certification body to action.
- If this is confirmed verbally, QMS will ask our certification body (CB) , to contact you who will likely ask you to complete a CPH declaration form, in case of any future query on the change.

I have a landless keeper 7000 number as my only CPH, what do I do

All landless keepers must provide a nominated permanent CPH where the animals are kept. You can keep the 7000 number as your main/primary CPH with QMS, but there must be a permanent CPH number where your cattle are held linked to your QMS membership.

Can I have more than one Primary CPH?

In certain circumstances, yes. Any additional primary CPH, must be within 15 miles by road of the main holding, be trading under the same business name and have a separate herd mark.

I have an additional holding within 15 miles of the main holding, same business name and same herd mark, is an additional Primary CPH required?

No, but you must ensure that the holdings are linked on ScotMoves and that you have notified our Certification Body FIA of the CPH.

I have an additional holding which houses stock and is over 15 miles away from the main holding but under the same business name and herd mark; what should I do?

As you just have the one business, you will be required to apply for an additional membership for the site over 15 miles away, this membership will only be charged as a band one renewal fee.

I have an additional holding within 15 miles of the main holding, but it trades under a different business name; what should I do?

As it is not the same business you need to apply for another membership for that business on that CPH.

I have grazing over 15 miles from my main holding; what do I do?

Grazing's over 15 miles only require you to link the holdings on ScotMoves and share the CPH details with our Certification Body FIA.

I have livestock housing over 15 miles from my main holding; what do I need to do?

- If the other unit is also a QMS member you only need to link on ScotMoves and update our Certification Body FIA with the holding information.
- If the other unit is not a QMS member, you must apply for an additional unit membership at band one for that site, if running under the same business name.

I would like to know more about within business moves and how to sign up to ScotMoves?

Further information on ScotMoves is available via ScotEID at the [within business moves web page](#). For help or to sign up, call 01466 794323 or email help@scoteid.com

I would like to know if QMS will be able to check if I have made any required changes before the updated SPECC goes live?

Yes, QMS will be able to review a report from ScotEID that will highlight any potential members that look like they will be affected, so QMS can reach out directly to those members and assist them before the change goes live. The timing is in the control of QMS and ScotEID. QMS will ensure that every member has been contacted before the change is made.

RESOURCES

QMS directory of members on approved status

[QMS | Member Checker](#)

The QMS team is here to help you navigate this change. The Brands Integrity team can be contacted at brandsintegrity@qmscotland.co.uk