

Livestock Information Ear Tag Allocation System

Introduction To The New Service

Introduction / Vision

As a registered livestock ear tag manufacturer/supplier, you will be familiar with the existing Ear Tag Allocation System (ETAS) which works with the ARAMS system for sheep, goats and farmed deer, and the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) for cattle.

Over the past 12 months, as part of the [Livestock Information Programme](#) we have been developing a new system which combines the two systems. This will be known as the Livestock information Service Ear Tag Allocation System (it had a working title of the acronym LUIS). This system has been developed to replace the two existing ear tagging services for cattle and sheep and goats. It will be a single GB-wide service for all these species.

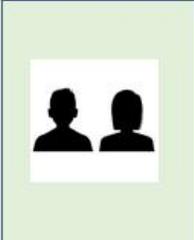
Where are we now...?

The new system is now in the late stages of testing, and we are examining the way that ear tag manufacturers will use the service.

What's next...?

Over the next few months we will be working with all ear tag manufacturers to ensure that the changeover to LUIS is as smooth and effective as possible.

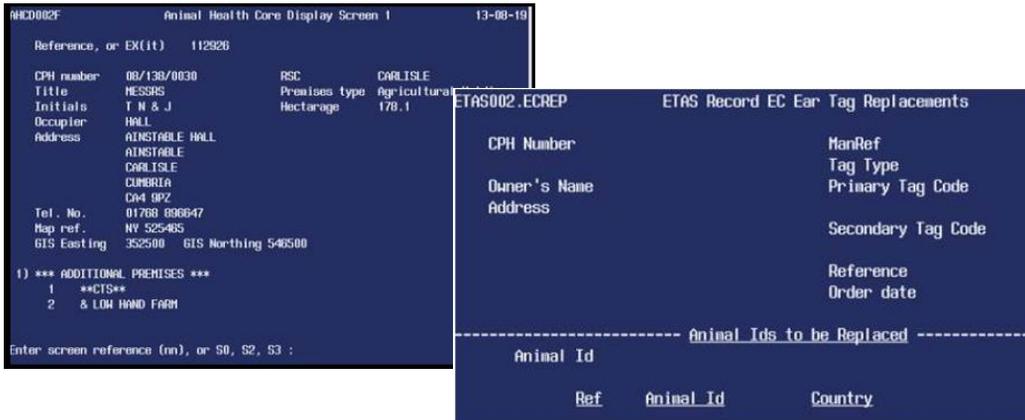
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The Current Ear Tag Systems

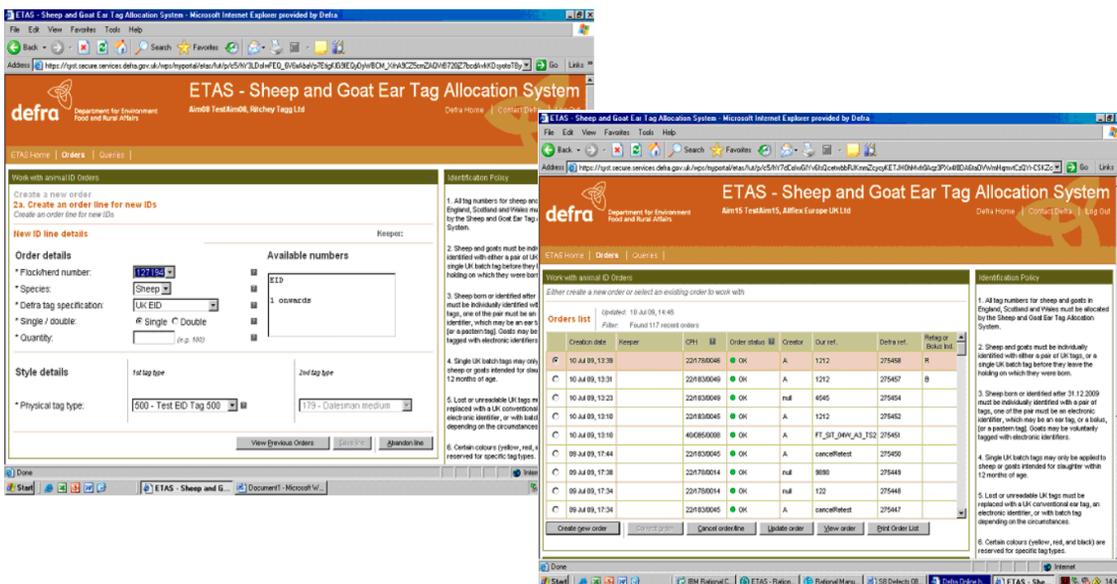
Cattle ETAS

The existing cattle ear tag system within BCMS was originally introduced over twenty years ago, using technology which is now out of date and not compatible with modern user interfaces and devices:



Sheep & Goats ETAS

The existing sheep, goats and deer system (known as S&GETAS) uses more recent technology, but is not compatible with the cattle system, meaning users need to toggle between two different systems:

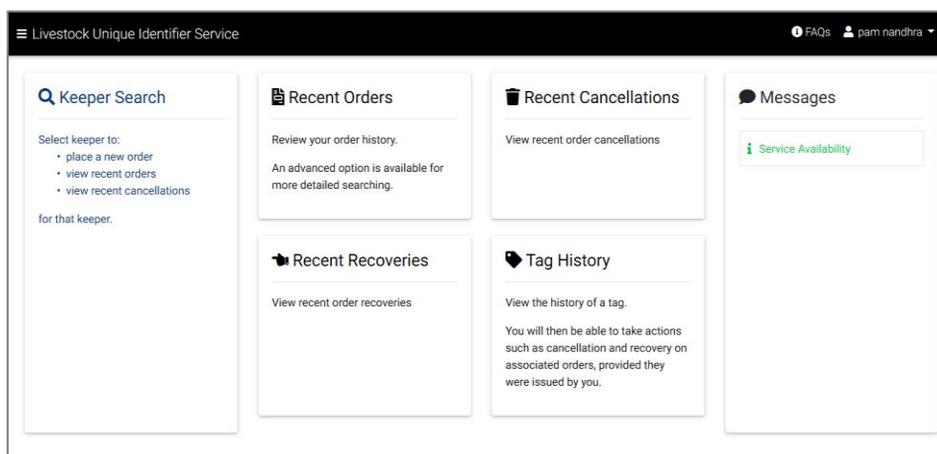


The New Ear Tag System

The New System

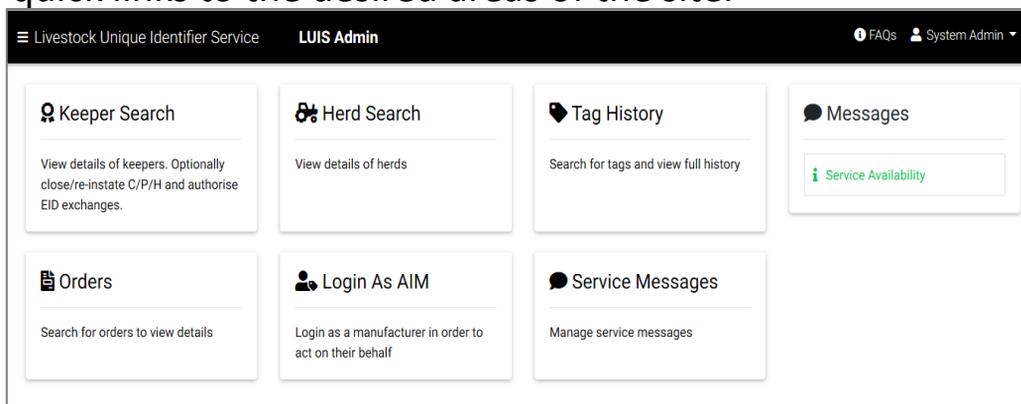
The Ear Tag Allocation System will bring technology up to date, with intuitive user screens designed with our customers in mind, improving many processes and operations, making it easier and more user-friendly for you to work with.

The tag manufacturer/supplier home screen (below) has been designed with simplicity in mind - you will be able to navigate quickly and easily to chosen pages and processes:



A system 'Admin Portal' will provide more enhanced functionality giving the supporting admin/operations team, full control and management of the new system, without the need of engaging a third-party provider as the existing service does.

The new systems admin portal home page is illustrated below providing tiles with quick links to the desired areas of the site.



What are the efficiencies and benefits of the new system?

For you as an Ear Tag Manufacturer/Supplier:

One system only: all the functions you need, will be available in one system.

Much quicker response: the system will identify invalid tags, CPH or other issues in real time.

Online control: LUIS will carry out many actions automatically which previously needed the intervention of BCMS, including:

- Cancelling tags and recovering tags, including those cancelled in error.
- Spotting problems with out-of-sync number ranges, such as when a keeper accidentally orders different numbers for primary and secondary tags, or when a keeper needs only one of a matched pair of tags.

No declaration letters required by cattle keepers: New online declaration will be used for all species as per the current S&GETAS.

Efficiencies and Savings:

The new functions within the system will enable efficiencies for the allocation of the Ear Tag Service provided.

Two separate functions for the manufacturers and one for the systems admin operations team (Internal).

The systems admin function was previously owned by IBM which has now become in-house through a new systems admin portal.

Current Position

COVID-19 presents us with an unprecedented context in which to implement the new system.

We are fully committed to deliver this new service at the earliest we can, but will need to work within some constraints, especially around final testing before launching late 2020/early 2021

Despite these restrictions, we will continue to get ready for 'go-live' and ensure that you are also prepared, with a full range of 'how to' guides and supporting demonstrations – we will need your input and advice with this and will be back in touch soon to progress.

As you will understand, final 'go-live' dates can only be advised once we are all clear of current restrictions, but we are committed to delivering the new tag allocation system for sheep & goats first.

If you have any queries or questions, please contact us at [**luis@livestockinformation.org.uk**](mailto:luis@livestockinformation.org.uk)