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Subject: RE: Spring Lambing 2023...

Dear Robin

Thanks for your letter.

I can confirm that in Scotland, it is currently permitted to use a rubber ring to castrate or dock the tails of lambs up to 7 days old without an anaesthetic, or up to 3 months old with an anaesthetic, so Numnuts can legally be used here in lambs up to 3 months old. In England and Wales the use of a rubber ring for castration or tail docking of lambs older than 7 days is currently not permitted at all.

The UK Animal Welfare Commission is currently finalising its report on castration and tail docking of sheep which will include consideration of the SRUC research on Numnuts, so I hope we can discuss this further in the near future.

Regards
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