

OP Sheep dip prescribing

1) Flock owner with certificate of competence and dipping facilities

- A flock owner who has their own dipping facilities and, after discussion, it is advised by the prescriber that if the best option is to use OP dip.
- The flock owner would have to hold a certificate of competence and quote the number.
- The agreed prescribing protocol would be followed.
- The relevant amount of OP dip could then be prescribed.
- The flock owner would be responsible for the disposal of any dipwash.

2) Flock owner with certificate of competence but no dipping facilities

- A flock owner who has no dipping facilities but has a certificate of competence and after discussion it is advised by the prescriber that if the best option is to use OP dip.
- The flock owner would have to hold a certificate of competence and quote the number.
- The agreed prescribing protocol would be followed.
- They would be prescribed the amount of product that they would need and would be advised to use a professional contract dipping company to carry out the sheep dipping.
- The flock owner and contractor must reach agreement (ideally in writing), before dipping, on who will take responsibility to safely dispose of used dipwash
 - A flock owner with a certificate of competence could opt for the third option below if they chose to.

3) Flock owner with no certificate of competence and no dipping facilities

- A flock owner who has no certificate of competence and no dipping facilities and after discussion it is advised that if the best option is to be prescribed OP dip.
- They would be advised to use a professional contract dipping company to carry out the sheep dipping.
- The contract dipping company would use their certificate of competence to purchase the OP dip on behalf of the flock owner against the prescription by a prescriber.
- The flock owner and contractor must reach agreement (ideally in writing), before dipping, on who will take responsibility to safely dispose of used dipwash

Other key points

- OP dip is only licenced to be used as a plunge dip and it is against the veterinary medicine regulations for OP dip to be used in a sheep shower or jetter.
- OP dip can only be purchased and used after being properly prescribed by a registered prescriber
- The certificate of competence number should be recorded against each prescription
- OP dip cannot be purchased in advance of a prescription
- Contract dipping companies cannot bulk buy OP un prescribed dip in advance of being used
- Contract dipping companies cannot bulk store un prescribed OP dip in advance of being used
- Registered prescribers cannot bulk supply OP dip
- All of these points work hand in hand with the Code of Practice for Sheep Dipping