



Animal &
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Agency

APHA Briefing Note 13/19

UPDATED INFORMATION NOTE TB181/TB181(Welsh)

Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) that the TB181 - Information Note Automatic Animal and Public Health Restrictions following Disclosure of a Reactor or Inconclusive Reactor at an Official Diagnostic Test for Tuberculosis (TB) in Cattle, Buffalo or Bison has been updated.
2. The updates are as follows:
 - a. streamlining and clarifying existing content
 - b. addition of an owner's checklist summarising the actions that cattle keepers need to take when reactor animals are found to help them prepare for reactor valuation and removal
 - c. additional advice on Resolved IRs restricted for life policy (England only) and TB compensation caps (Scotland and Wales only)
3. These updates have been implemented as a result of customer feedback and have been agreed with Defra, Scottish Government, Welsh Government, Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland.
4. The latest version of the form should be used with immediate effect.

Background

5. Movement restrictions automatically apply when reactors or Inconclusive Reactors (IRs) are disclosed in unrestricted herds.

6. Information Note TB181/TB181(Welsh) provides guidance to cattle keepers of their statutory obligations when reactors or IRs are disclosed at a TB test.
7. The TB tester should supply the keeper with a copy of the Information Note TB181/TB181(Welsh) on each occasion that reactors and/or IRs are disclosed in either unrestricted or restricted herds.

Further Information

8. Further information can be found on the Official Veterinarian Instructions available here:

http://apha.defra.gov.uk/External_OV_Instructions/TB_Instructions/Updates/index.htm

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