



APHA Briefing Note 14/15

TB tests of cattle moved to/from breakdown herds (tracing tests)

Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) in **England and Wales** that we have recently introduced a change whereby no separate tracing tests will be triggered if a short interval test (or another test of whole of the herd) is due to take place shortly in the holding of destination, provided that the traced animals are expected to be included in such herd test.
2. The traced animals results will therefore be submitted within the herd test results. No additional action is required by the OV
3. APHA will continue to notify herd owners if they have received cattle from a herd that subsequently had a breakdown, for their awareness.

Background

4. The cost of TB testing is shared between government and industry.
5. To reduce this burden we regularly look for opportunities to rationalise the TB testing regimen.
6. This measure follows a recent review of our TB tracing test protocols in England and Wales.

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