



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

APHA Briefing Note 16/23

Changes to the TB181/TB181(Welsh) Information Note.

Date issued: 09 May 2023

Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OV) in Great Britain and, in England and Wales, Approved Tuberculin Testers (ATTs), that as a result of the new [Tuberculosis \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#) coming into force in Scotland on 18 May 2023, updated TB181 and TB181(Welsh) Information Note forms **must be used** from that date.

Background

2. *The Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 2023* replacing *The Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 2007* comes into force on 18 May 2023.
3. All official TB notices (e.g., movement restrictions, test notification letters, licences, etc.) must refer to the TB Order in force at the time of issue, to ensure that the legal provisions can be enforced, and non-compliance is dealt with appropriately.
4. The new Order, besides incorporating the provisions of the 2007 TB Order and related amendment Orders, also introduces changes to the pre-movement testing and biosecurity requirements, and additional compensation reductions. A separate Briefing Note ([14/23](#)) has been issued to cover these additional changes.

Action

5. All OVs and ATTs undertaking any TB related official duties in Great Britain on behalf of APHA, including private TB testing (e.g. POSTMTS), **MUST ENSURE** that TB181/TB181(Welsh) forms and any other official APHA forms issued on or after 18

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

May 2023 quote the appropriate legislation i.e. *The Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 2023*.

6. The forms will be updated on the [OV TB instructions](#) in the APHA OV Gateway on or shortly after 18 May 2023. Updated [TB181](#) and [TB181\(Welsh\)](#) forms are now available (use the hyperlinks) in advance of 18 May, as some OV and ATTs will need to use them on Thursday 18 May. OV and ATTs must ensure the updated forms are **NOT USED** prior to 18 May 2023.

Further Information

7. OV in Scotland and non-VDP OV in England should refer any queries to ScotlandEndemics@apha.gov.uk and TBAvice@apha.gov.uk respectively.
8. For OV and ATTs delivering TB testing under one of the Veterinary Delivery Partners (VDPs) all queries should be addressed to the relevant VDP in the first instance who will collate and escalate to APHA as necessary.