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APHA Briefing Note 40/21

Implementation of the New Tuberculosis Order – England.

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Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OV) and, in England, Approved Tuberculin Testers (ATTs) that [The Tuberculosis in Animals \(England\) Order 2021](#) will come into force in England on 1st October 2021, replacing the provisions of *The Tuberculosis (England) Order 2014* and *The Tuberculosis (Deer and Camelids) (England) Order 2014*.

Background

2. *The Tuberculosis (England) Order 2014* expires on 30th September 2021 and will be replaced by the above new Order coming into force on 1st October 2021.
3. The new Order will also replace *The Tuberculosis (Deer and Camelid) (England) Order 2014* and therefore will bring together in one Order the tuberculosis control regimes applicable to bovine animals, goats, sheep, pigs, camelids and deer.
4. All official TB notices (e.g., movement restrictions, test notification letters, licences, etc.) issued need to refer to the TB Order in force at the time of production, to ensure that the legal provisions can be enforced and non-compliance is tackled appropriately.
5. The new Order does not impose any new or additional controls on keepers although introduces a new provision that will enable APHA/Defra, at a future date, to share information on the TB histories of all cattle herds in England. This is as a result of DEFRA's commitment included in Government's Godfray response to share more information to support responsible cattle movements e.g. the proposal for the enhancement of ibTB by showing how many years OTF herds (in England only) had been TB free that was consulted earlier this year.

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Action

6. All OV and ATTs undertaking any TB related official duties in England on behalf of APHA, including private TB testing (e.g. PrMT), **MUST ENSURE** that TB181 forms and any other official APHA forms issued on or after 1st October 2021 quote the appropriate legislation i.e. *The Tuberculosis in Animals (England) Order 2021*.
7. The forms will be updated on the [OV and ATT TB instructions](#) in the APHA OV Gateway on or shortly after 1st October 2021. Updated TB181 and TB181(Welsh) forms are now available in advance of 1st October, as some OV and ATTs will need to use them on Friday 1st October. OV and ATTs must ensure the updated forms are **NOT USED** prior to 1st October 2021.

Further Information

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.
9. OV in Scotland and non-VDP OV in England should refer any queries to ScotlandEndemics@apha.gov.uk and TBAAdvice@apha.gov.uk respectively.