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Dear Recipient,

**TB Testing of Non-Bovine Animals**

**Animal Health Act 1981 (Section 3)**

**The Tuberculosis (Deer and Camelid) (England) Order 2014**

**The Tuberculosis in Specified Animals (Scotland) Order 2015**

**The Tuberculosis (Testing and Powers of Entry) (Wales) Order 2008**

**The Tuberculosis (Wales) Order 2011**

**The Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (England) Order 2002, Article 7**

**The Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003, Article 7**

I am writing to inform you that we require you to have all (insert species) kept on your holding tested for tuberculosis. This is due to the identification of:

- \*Post-mortem and/or bacteriological evidence of infection with *Mycobacterium bovis* (the bovine TB bacterium) in cattle, captive deer or other domestic/non-bovine animals kept on the same or a contiguous holding
- \*Suspicion of infection in an animal from your herd/flock at the slaughterhouse/laboratory/post mortem
- \*Animals which moved onto your farm from another herd/flock in which M. bovis has been detected by laboratory culture (tracings)
- \*Other situations where epidemiological assessment indicates that animals in your herd/flock may be affected or infected with TB

\* delete as appropriate

The purpose of this test is to identify if there has been any spread between herds and also to limit the spread within your herd and therefore the number of affected animals.

Details of when this test needs to be completed are enclosed.

I realise that tuberculin testing may be difficult and time-consuming. However, completion of testing promptly according to an arranged schedule is a vital precaution against possible widespread infection in your herd and to other herds in your locality.

If you have any further questions on this or related topics, do not hesitate to contact the duty Veterinary Officer at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

Name

Veterinary Head of Field Delivery/Veterinary Lead Scotland/Veterinary Lead Wales

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