

Owner Checklist

Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) staff/Official Veterinarian (OV) pass to the owner after disclosure of the reactors.

At your latest TB test reactors have been disclosed. You are under automatic restrictions and are prohibited from moving bovine animals both onto and off the premise except under licence. Please consult your local APHA office for the issue of licences.

Your local APHA office will be in touch to arrange the valuation and removal of reactor animals. Ahead of this visit please take into account that:

1.	Animals must be properly isolated. In Wales, failure to comply with a Notice of Intent to Slaughter Bovine Animals (TB03) may result in compensation reduction by up to 95%	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Animals must be correctly ear tagged (any born after 01/01/98 must be double tagged)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Reactors must have passports available at the time of the valuation. Animals without the correct documents will be deemed to have no market value and will not be valued	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Pedigree animals must have full certificates available at the time of the valuation (ASR or BSR will not be accepted). If this documentation is not available the animal will be valued as commercial stock	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Movement records must be made available (if valuation carried out on farm). It may be necessary for the visiting officer to take records or a copy if you have one available. In these cases records will be returned to you promptly	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Medicine book must be made available at the time of the valuation (if valuation carried out on farm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	If any of the reactors are in a medicine withdrawal period please notify the officer at the time of the valuation. You should prepare details of medication and withdrawal periods ahead of valuation	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Reactors must be indoors for the valuation (if valuation carried out on farm) and need to be restrained in order to insert an additional reactor tag (Scotland only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Reactors will be going into the abattoir so will need to be clean when presented to the haulier. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) have an information leaflet Clean Beef Cattle for Slaughter (a guide for Producers which is available at www.food.gov.uk which defines the criteria for 'too dirty to be processed'. If found to be too dirty at the abattoir a welfare investigation may be conducted. In England compensation will be reduced by 50% for any animal that cannot be processed in the abattoir because it is too dirty	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	After the reactors have been removed, cleansing and disinfecting of the area occupied and any equipment used must take place using an approved disinfectant. Once this has been done you should complete the notice (BT05) that you will be issued by APHA and return in the post to your local APHA office	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Dairy herds only - contact your milk buyer to ensure that milk from your herd is heat treated before human consumption	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Dairy herds only - milk from reactor cattle is unfit for human consumption and must be excluded from the bulk milk tank, it should not be fed untreated to calves or to other mammals. You are advised to refer to the reverse of the Information note (TB181) for further information	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	If you are not the owner of the reactor please notify APHA when they contact you. You will be asked to confirm these details on an Owner Declaration Form (TB214)	<input type="checkbox"/>

If any of these points have not been completed it may affect the removal of animals from the farm and in some cases may adversely affect the compensation that you will receive.