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Dear Recipient,

### **Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) - Post-Movement Testing in England**

Our records show that bovine animals (cattle, water buffalo or bison) recently moved to your premises may require post-movement testing for TB.

Post-movement testing of bovine animals entering the annual testing parts of the Edge Area of England from the six-monthly TB testing areas of England (High Risk Area (HRA) and six-monthly testing parts of the Edge Area) or from Wales is compulsory since 1 August 2023.

Cattle Tracing System (CTS) records indicate that in month you received xx bovine animals from other areas in England or Wales that make them require a post-movement test at your herd, see the Annex for the ear tag numbers. **Unless these animals, or the type of movements, are exempted from post-movement testing they will need to be tested between 60 and 120 days after they arrived on your premises.** The enclosed fact sheet gives you more detail on the post-movement testing requirements, including a list of the exemptions.

You are responsible for arranging and paying for the post-movement tests, and should contact your veterinarian to arrange the test, requesting a 'POSTMOVVOV' test.

Bovine animals requiring a post-movement test **must not be moved off** your premises until the test has been completed with a negative result. Some exemptions apply.

This letter is for information purposes to remind you of the legal requirement to post-movement test certain bovine animals. Failure to complete post-movement testing when it is required is an offence under the TB Order and may result in referral to the Local Authority (LA).

Any failure on our part to notify someone of this requirement or a failure to provide accurate and/or complete information (e.g., number of animals) does not discharge a herd keeper from their legal obligations.

If you have already completed the necessary post-movement tests for the bovine animals detailed in the Annex, then no further action is required.

Further information on post-movement testing is available on GOV.UK and [www.tbhub.co.uk](http://www.tbhub.co.uk).

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If you believe there is an issue with the movement information, please contact the British Cattle Movement Service on 0345 050 1234.

Yours sincerely,

Name

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## Guidance

### Post-movement Testing Summary Sheet

#### What do I need to do?

When moving bovine animals (cattle, water buffalo or bison) onto your premises, you need to consider whether they require post-movement TB testing.

Statutory post-movement testing is required in England and Wales in the following circumstances:

<b>Bovine animals moved to:</b>	<b>From:</b>
Low Risk Area (LRA) in England	High Risk Area (HRA) and Edge Area in England
	Wales
Annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area in England	HRA and six-monthly testing parts of the Edge Area in England
	Wales
Low TB Area in Wales	High and Intermediate TB Areas in Wales
	HRA and Edge Area in England
Intermediate TB Areas in Wales	High TB Areas in Wales
	HRA in England

- the herd keeper who receives the bovine animals must arrange and pay for a post-movement skin test to be undertaken on them by an approved veterinary surgeon, or an approved tuberculin tester.
- the post-movement test must be carried out 60-120 days after the date of arrival at the receiving premises, unless the herd or type of movement meets any of the exemptions listed below. **Failure to do this is an offence under the relevant TB Order above**
- routine TB surveillance tests will count as post-movement tests for 60 days for animals included in that test if undertaken within the correct time frame
- you will be given a copy of all negative post-movement TB test charts which you must keep as evidence that animals in your herd have been tested
- where you move animals without post-movement testing you are advised to keep evidence of exemption
- you should assure yourself that bovine animals moved on from herds in the LRA or annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area in England, or the Low TB or Intermediate Areas in Wales previously originating from outside of these areas have been post-movement tested. You should request to see a copy of the evidence of testing.
- if you receive bovine animals that were not post-movement tested you should isolate the bovine animals immediately, arrange and pay for a TB test to be carried out at least 60 days after the bovine animals arrived and inform APHA. The animals will be put under movement restrictions until they have had a TB skin test with negative results.

#### What bovine animals or type of movements are exempt from post-movement testing?

- bovine animals that are slaughtered within 120 days of arrival at the receiving

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- premises
- bovine animals that are moved solely for veterinary treatment provided that they are returned directly to their premises of origin after the treatment, or are killed or go directly to slaughter
- bovine animals that are moved to an agricultural show in the LRA or annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area in England, or the Intermediate or Low or Intermediate TB Areas in Wales, or that return to the premises in these areas from an agricultural show outside the LRA or annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area of England, or the Low or Intermediate TB areas in Wales, provided that:
  - the move does not involve a stay of more than 24 hours or the housing of those animals at the showground, and
  - they are returned directly to their premises of origin after the show, or are killed or go directly to slaughter after the show
- bovine animals that are moved directly to one of the following in the LRA or annual surveillance testing parts of the Edge Area in England, or the Low or Intermediate TB Areas in Wales:
  - a market from which all animals go direct to slaughter,
  - an exempt market,
  - an approved collecting centre,
  - a licensed finishing unit
  - an approved finishing unit
  - an exempt finishing unit (England only)
- bovine animals moved from a herd that is CHECS bTB accredited and certified as risk level ten (Wales only)
- bovine animals moved from a non-exempt agricultural show to a certified quarantine unit under general licence (Wales only).
- bovine animals that are moved under the authority of a movement licence issued by an inspector.
- any movement approved by Welsh Ministers (Wales only).

**What type of movements for bovine animals that required post-movement testing are allowed before the test has been completed with negative results?**

- movements direct (or via a slaughter gathering or market) to slaughter,
- movements to a licensed finishing unit (England only), an approved finishing unit, or an exempt finishing unit (England only)
- movements from non-exempt agricultural shows to certified quarantine units under general licence (Wales only), or
- movements made under the authority of a movement licence issued by an inspector.

For more general information on pre-movement or post-movement testing, please refer to Pre-movement and post-movement TB testing of cattle in Great Britain guidance in GOV.UK or contact APHA.

**Annex Ear Tags**

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