



TB breakdown in your Herd

We have identified reactor(s) at your TB test. This means that your Herd has lost its officially TB free status and is now classified as Officially TB Free Suspended (OTFS). Your Herd is under movement restrictions until you have at least one (or possibly more) clear TB test.

AHVLA will contact you to offer advice and support. You should also speak to your private veterinarian who will be able to give you any advice that you may need.

We know that this is a difficult time for you and you will have a number of questions. Below is an outline of what to expect over the coming weeks.

Today (Day 1):

You need to isolate any animals that have been identified as reactors and/or inconclusive reactors.

If you have a dairy Herd you should contact your milk buyer to make sure that all milk collected from your Herd will be heat treated, including any milk that has recently been collected. Milk from the reactor/s is not allowed to go for human consumption so you need to exclude their milk from the bulk milk tank.

In the 1st week:

You will receive a letter which will confirm the identity and details of the animal(s) that need to be slaughtered.

You should make sure that the animal(s) are identified correctly with accurate readable ear tags, and that the correct passport is available. You will need to present the passport at the valuation and when the animal(s) move for slaughter. The animal(s) must also be presented clean for slaughter. If any animal is unfit for travel or under a drug withdrawal you will need to inform an AHVLA office using the contact details given to you and give them the date that the withdrawal period ends.

If the reactor(s) is a pedigree animal you will also need to present papers to confirm this at the valuation.

In the 2nd week:

An AHVLA office will arrange a valuation of the animal(s) and contact an appropriate slaughterhouse, who will arrange to collect your animal(s) for slaughter.

If any animal is not fit to travel or is not fit for human consumption AHVLA will arrange for them to be slaughtered on your farm. Slaughter will usually be carried out at government expense but you can arrange private slaughter or euthanasia if you prefer. A post mortem inspection will be carried out in most cases.

In the 1st month:

A government vet will visit you to carry out a disease investigation. During the visit they will:

- Discuss your farm business, the origin of the reactor animal(s) and your management systems to provide you with advice on the disease and the possible sources.
- Suggest possible changes to your management system that may help prevent further reactors and options for your business while you are under restrictions.
- Issue a general licence for movements direct to a slaughterhouse where appropriate.
- Give you advice and guidance leaflets with further information and will explain the requirements for further testing.

In the 2nd and 3rd month:

You will be notified of the post mortem examination and culture results by letter from AHVLA. This normally takes 8 – 10 weeks. These letters will also include confirmation of your TB status and further testing requirements.

Remember – TB tests are more sensitive than post mortem examination and may detect an immune response at early stages of infection and before lesions develop. Therefore failure to detect lesions at post mortem examination or failure to culture the bacteria does not mean that the animal was not infected.

Contacts and advice

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