

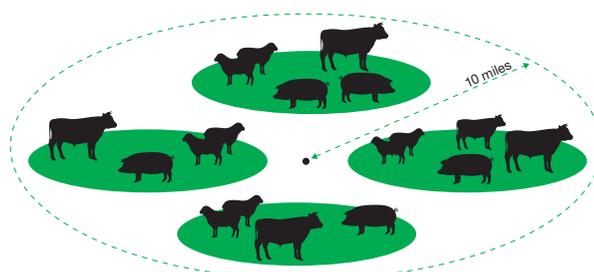


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Dear livestock keeper

Reducing your movement reporting burden



One CPH number for separate pieces of land located within a 10 mile radius

Defra will be making changes to the way keepers can register their holdings in England for the purpose of recording and reporting livestock movements.

10 miles

If you keep livestock in England you may be able to register all land that you use within 10 miles, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, under one CPH number. Moves between lands included in the same CPH do not need to be recorded in your holding register, or reported and will not trigger a standstill.

New process for registering temporary land

Existing temporary CPHs will be replaced. If you use temporary land within 10 miles of your permanent CPH you will also have the option to associate it with a 'Temporary Land Association' to avoid recording and reporting.

Ending complex rules which do not support traceability and disease control

Cattle Tracing System (CTS) links

These are holdings linked on CTS, between which moves are not required to be reported (details should be maintained in the holding register). Some extend well over 10 miles. **All** CTS links will be withdrawn over a 12 month transitional period starting in July.

Sole Occupancy Authorities (SOAs).

SOAs are a group of holdings under one keeper's sole management and control. Standstills don't apply when their animals move between those holdings. (Those moves must be reported). None have been issued in England since 2012. **All** remaining SOAs will be withdrawn during the transitional period starting in July.

Sheep and goats – ‘within business’ moves

- The exemption which permits sheep and goat moves between different holdings within the same business to be reported at a batch rather than an individual level (if the keepership is unchanged) will be removed on 1st January 2018.
- The adjacent moves reporting exemption which permits frequent sheep or goat movements to contiguous land on a different holding (with no other livestock on it) to not be reported will be removed on 1st January 2018.

Keepers will not be affected by the ending of these rules and derogations where they can register different holdings within the new 10 mile rule.

Planning future ear tag orders

If you are likely to take advantage of the new 10 mile rule and merge your permanent CPHs you are advised to only order the minimum ID tags necessary for this year as once CPHs have been closed you can no longer use tags issued for them.

Bovine TB controls

Cattle keepers will want to note the potential impacts new temporary CPH and land association arrangements might have in the event of a TB breakdown on their or the associated holding. In particular, movement restrictions would need to be imposed on all pieces of land within their holding if bovine TB is disclosed in their herd or if a bovine TB test becomes overdue. APHA would then assess the situation, including, for example, cases where the temporary land is part of some other cattle-keeper's holding, whether restrictions and TB testing need to also be applied to that 'landlord's' herd/holding, and vice versa.

You should consider carefully the TB risk and default TB testing interval (i.e. 6, 12, or 48 months) in the area where you intend to associate land (for cattle grazing purposes) to your holding.

ibTB is a good way of looking at the distribution of recent TB breakdowns in any location in England: www.ibtb.co.uk.

Why the changes are happening

They implement specific recommendations of the Farming Regulation Task Force on reducing regulatory burdens on farmers.

What these changes will achieve

They'll simplify livestock movement rules by removing complex exemptions and by making the rules the same for all species. As well as the new 10-mile rule reducing burdens associated with reporting and standstills for many keepers, they'll also result in a better understanding of livestock locations. The changes will also help disease outbreak control measures, benefitting the livestock industry as a whole.

What next

You do not need to do anything now. If you are directly affected by any of these changes you should receive a further letter at some point between June 2016 and July 2017. That letter will detail what the changes mean, the options available to you and any action that you may need to take.

Information on these changes is available on the GOV.UK website. You will be able to find it using the search term 'farming' and following the link.

Please remember – If you take on new land, give up land, or share land with any other livestock keeper in England you must inform the Rural Payments Agency (RPA). If you start or cease to keep any livestock species you must also inform the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

If you have any questions now on these changes you can call the Defra helpline on ☎ 03459 33 55 77 or e-mail us at: defra.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

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