

Owner Checklist - England and Scotland

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

At your latest TB test reactors have been disclosed. Your premises is now under automatic restrictions, meaning that you are prohibited from moving bovine animals both onto and off the premises except under licence.

For the issue of licences, please contact:

- TB.Advice@apha.gov.uk (03000 200 301) in England.
- your local APHA office in Scotland (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-your-local-apha-scotland-field-services-office).

APHA will be in touch to arrange the valuation and removal of reactor animals. Ahead of this visit please consider that:

1.	Reactor animals must be properly isolated. Failure to comply with a Notice of Intent to Slaughter Bovine Animals (TB03) may result in compensation reduction by up to 95% (Scotland only).	
2.	Animals must be correctly ear tagged	
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.	
4.	Pedigree animals must have full certificates available at the time of the valuation. If this documentation is not available, the animal will be valued as commercial stock. (Additional Supplementary Register (ASR) or Breed Stock Register (BSR) will not be accepted.)	
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.	
6.	Medicine book must be made available at the time of the valuation (if valuation carried out on farm).	
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.	
8.	Reactors must be indoors for the valuation (if valuation carried out on farm).	
9.	Reactors going into the abattoir must be clean when presented to the haulier. The Food Standards Agency (FSA)/Food Standards Scotland (FSS) have an information leaflet 'Clean Beef Cattle for Slaughter: A guide for producers' which is available at www.food.gov.uk . This defines the criteria for 'too dirty' to be processed. 'Compensation will be reduced by 50% for any animal that cannot be processed in the abattoir because it is too dirty.	
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 it to APHA as instructed in the Notice.	
11.	Dairy herds only - contact your milk buyer to ensure that milk from your herd is heat treated before human consumption.	

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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. Please refer to the reverse of the Automatic Animal and Public Health	
	Restrictions Information Note (TB181) for further information.	
13.	If you are not the owner of the reactor, please inform APHA when they contact you. You will be asked to confirm these details on an Owner Declaration Form (TB214) (England only).	

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.

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