



{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC1067

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for statistics on TB Isolation Unit inspections, which we received on 5 April 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“1, The number of individual cattle TB Isolation Units inspections in Great Britain (England, Wales & Scotland if applicable) where non-compliances / deficiencies were recorded in each of the following years: 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date, along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies found e.g. lapses in biosecurity, late testing for bTB, poor wildlife proofing

Please see the information in the table below:

Year	Number of TB Isolation Units non-compliances/deficiencies recorded	Reasons included
2015	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movements recorded incorrectly on Cattle Tracing System (CTS). • Movement into Isolation Unit outside of licence validity dates. Cattle moved into Isolation Unit before a licence was issued. • Isolation Unit set up and farmer unaware of rules. A closing list was supplied but the cattle had not moved. Re-visit instructed and it was decided that as no cattle had moved to re-apply and issue a new licence.
2016	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movements recorded incorrectly on CTS. • Cattle moved into Isolation Unit before a licence was issued.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattle moved into Isolation Unit before the unit was approved. • Some cattle on closing list tested at second Approved Separated Group (ASG) test, the others moved back to original farm to calve without a licence. • Cattle were tested at second ASG test – bio-security to be looked at if re-applying. • Cattle did not have pre-movement test (PRMT) within previous 30 days of moving into the unit. • Cattle moving on while reactors present at the herd of origin. • Cattle moving on after date of licence for movement from herd of origin expired.
2017	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation Unit exceeded capacity. • First ASG test completed too early. • Cattle moved out of Isolation Unit before TB10 served. • Movements recorded incorrectly on CTS.

2, The number of cattle TB Isolation Units in Great Britain (England, Wales & Scotland if applicable) which had their approvals revoked in each of the following years: 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date, along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies that resulted in these cases.”

Please see the information in the table below:

Year	Number of Revocations	Reason included
2015	None	N/A
2016	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved cattle without license • Cattle did not have pre-movement test (PRMT)
2017 to 5 April 2017 (date of the request)	None	N/A

Please note Isolation Units are created to take a batch of cattle (over six weeks) from a single source. Every time a unit is used, a new application has to be completed. If it is a

brand new unit, or re-approval as no inspection within the last 12 months, a visit has to be made. The approval criteria have to be met. The visiting vet may refuse or the countersigning vet may refuse. In either case, the unit will be refused, and not revoked. This is why the figures in question 2 table above appear low.

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Yours sincerely

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