

THE TUBERCULOSIS (ENGLAND) ORDER 2014
THE DISEASE CONTROL (ENGLAND) ORDER 2003

GENERAL LICENCE TO MOVE CATTLE, WITHIN SOLE OCCUPANCY GROUPS UNDER ANNUAL TB SURVEILLANCE TESTING IN ENGLAND, WITHOUT PRE-MOVEMENT TB TESTINGⁱ – THE “10-MILE RULE”

In accordance with Articles 9 and 21 of The Tuberculosis (England) Order 2014 , the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs authorises by this general licence the movement of cattle within England, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) This licence applies only to cattle keepers with Officially TB-Free Sole Occupancy Groups (commonly referred to as SOAsⁱⁱ (Sole Occupancy Authorities)) on annual TB surveillance testing, where the SOA holdings are all within 10 miles of the main holding.
- 2) Permitted movements under this licence are only those between linked SOA premises.
- 3) The 10 miles must be calculated from Ordnance Survey grid references provided to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) for the locations of the place of business for each of the holdings. In most cases this will be the farmyard, though alternatively the approximate central point of the fields where livestock are grazed can be used.
- 4) Permitted movements must also meet the conditions of the General Licence for the Movement of Cattleⁱⁱⁱ.
- 5) No cattle may be moved on or off premises if such movements would be contrary to any other notifiable disease restrictions that are in place at the time of the proposed movement.

It is the cattle keeper's responsibility to ensure compliance with the conditions set out in this licence. Non-compliance with the terms of this licence is an offence under the Tuberculosis (England) Order 2014.

This licence comes into force at 00:01 hrs on 1st October 2014.

Signed By Dan Hackett

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Dated 29th September 2014

ⁱ Under the Tuberculosis (England) Order 2014 all cattle over 42 days of age, moving from annually tested herds to stay on another holding must have a valid pre-movement TB test record accompanying the movement, other than where exempted for movements to slaughter, exempt markets, for veterinary treatment, to approved semen collection centres and to agricultural shows. More detail is given in the TB Order at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/2383/schedule/made>.

ⁱⁱ Sole Occupancy Group (known as SOAs) - under this licence, where a keeper has different parcels of land authorised as a SOA (because the different land has been shown to be linked in terms of sole management and control) livestock standstill rules do not apply for movements between different parcels of land that are so authorised as a SOA.

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cattle-movement-general-licence-for-the-movement-of-cattle>