



Post TB Sale Isolation Unit: to allow unsold TB restricted cattle to return home after a dedicated sale

Guidance Notes on the Conditions of Approval and Operation of a Post TB Sale Isolation Unit

Background

Post TB Sale Isolation Units have been introduced to provide an opportunity for any unsold TB restricted cattle to return to their premises of origin after a Dedicated Sale for TB restricted cattle.

Cattle can be moved back from the sale to the unit, which will be within the premises of origin, where they will remain segregated from other cattle on the premises in order not to compromise the status and ongoing TB testing programme of the main herd. The cattle in the unit will undergo TB testing to allow subsequent reintegration with the rest of the herd.

If the requirement is to allow the cattle that have returned to the premises of origin to regain Officially Tuberculosis Free (OTF) status in order to lift TB restrictions and to be sold on the open market, it may be necessary to use an approved TB Isolation Unit rather than a Post TB Sale Isolation Unit. The local Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) office will advise on this, following a risk assessment.

The following will apply to the unit:

- the unit will only be approved for premises located in annual testing areas in England
- the unit must be placed under TB restrictions
- each holding will only have one unit.

Source of cattle

- cattle within the unit will only be those which originated from the holding on which the unit is located and which have moved to a dedicated sale for TB restricted cattle and returned following failure to sell
- all cattle must have been tested with negative results within the previous 60 days, or be untested calves under six weeks of age
- cattle can only be moved onto the unit under the authority of a movement licence (TB16c), which will be issued by the APHA office responsible for the unit
- all movement requests will be subject to a risk assessment, including an assessment of capacity within the unit, by APHA and those considered to be high risk will be refused
- the owner must forward a list of the individual identification of all cattle in the unit and the date that cattle moved into the unit to the local APHA office once the unit is closed.

Destination of cattle

- cattle can leave the Post TB Sale Isolation Unit and join the other cattle on the holding once the TB status of cattle within the unit is equal to that of the other cattle on the holding.

TB testing on Post TB Sale Isolation Units

- once the operator has forwarded a list of all cattle to the local APHA office, testing within the unit will be at 60 day intervals, the first test will be at severe, and providing this is negative, the second test will be at standard interpretation
- all cattle within the unit will be tested at the same time
- after two consecutive tests have been completed with negative results, and providing the last test is at least 120 days after the arrival of the last animal:
 - if the main herd is no longer under TB restrictions a notice lifting restrictions (TB10) may be issued on the Post TB Sale Isolation Unit and cattle may rejoin the rest of the herd
 - if other cattle on the holding are still under TB restrictions the cattle within the unit may re-join the rest of the herd and will undergo the testing regime for that herd, unless isolation is deemed to be satisfactory to allow lifting of restrictions on cattle within the unit. This will be dependent on a Veterinary Risk Assessment carried out by the local APHA office.

Conditions

The conditions listed below are aimed at ensuring that the unit remains a discrete, self-contained cattle unit clearly isolated from other cattle on the holding.

The approval of the units can be considered if the proposed premises comply with the following conditions:

- the unit must be located in an annual testing area in England
- grazing will be allowed
- boundaries for the unit must be well defined, effective, secure and double fencing used at all the unit boundary gates, including road gates. There must be no opportunity for straying or for nose to nose contact
- access to watercourses will be acceptable, providing there can be no contact with neighbouring stock. If the watercourse is shared double stock proof fencing must be used
- biosecurity is important and attention should be paid to drainage of effluent and washings, access to feed, vehicle and personnel access and movements
- equipment should be dedicated, unless:
 - contamination is at a level that can satisfactorily be cleaned using a power wash and/or disinfection
 - any contamination should be dealt with immediately and certainly before contact with other TB susceptible stock
 - contamination will be assessed according to risk and generally shared feed wagons will be acceptable, whilst dung scrapers will not
 - either dedicated outerwear or waterproof clothing must be worn and a protocol provided to demonstrate elimination of risk of disease spread
- a full and effective biosecurity protocol will be required for all shared equipment
- manure must be stacked for three weeks before spreading or spread on land with no access by TB susceptible stock (includes sheep, pigs, goats and camelids, farmed or park deer) for a 60 day period following spreading
- slurry must be spread a minimum of 10m from the farm boundary, or from any land grazed by, or housing used by any TB susceptible stock (includes sheep, pigs, goats and camelids, farmed or park deer) and there will be no access to the treated ground by TB susceptible stock for 60 days following spread.

Application and inspection

- owners seeking approval for a Post TB Sale Isolation Unit should complete the application form, attach a sketch map of the farm and sign the declaration on the reverse of this leaflet and return to their local APHA office
- on receipt of the completed application form and following a satisfactory risk assessment, written confirmation of the approval will be sent
- the unit will be served with a notice prohibiting movement of bovine animals (TB02)
- owners should apply for a TB16c licence to return any cattle that fail to sell at a dedicated sale for TB restricted cattle into the approved unit. The request for a TB16c should be made at the same time as the application for a TB16b to move animals to a Dedicated Sale for TB Restricted Cattle
- the unit may receive cattle, providing they have a TB16c licence, for a period of 60 days, after which the unit will be closed
- owners should return the ear numbers of all the cattle in the unit and the date of the last movement into the unit to their local APHA office once the unit is closed
- TB testing should commence 60 days after the unit has closed
- the premises and records of movements, etc. may be inspected by APHA at any time
- failure to comply with any of the conditions set out in this leaflet (including failure to test the cattle on the unit at the prescribed interval) will result in withdrawal of the approval and may result in restrictions and additional testing for the whole herd. Additionally, approval will be declined for subsequent applications.

Action in the event of a TB incident in the unit

- the unit will follow the standard APHA procedures for testing, compensation, removal and post mortem of reactors
- normal procedures for regaining OTF status will apply and a Short Interval (SI) testing regime followed.

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Application for a Post TB Sale Isolation Unit

Name	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
CPH Number	<input type="text"/>		
Parish Testing Interval	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	

Address and brief description of location of proposed isolation unit

Proposed maximum number of cattle in the unit

Please provide a plan of the proposed premises (a rough plan of farmyard and buildings and grazing, including location of all cattle) with the isolation unit highlighted

Building plan enclosed

Arrangement made for Disease Security

Please answer as fully as possible, giving details in the boxes provided or with an attached note.

1. How will direct contact between cattle in the isolation unit and other cattle be prevented?

If electric fencing is used, please mark on the plan

2. How will indirect contact between cattle in the isolation premises and other cattle be prevented?

Please include details of:

- i) feeding arrangements
- ii) vehicle and personnel access and movements within the group
- iii) drainage and disposal of yard/dirty water
- iv) disposal of animal waste.

If appropriate, please describe procedures for cleansing and disinfection of machinery, equipment and protective clothing

I declare that the information provided above is correct and that I will comply with the conditions described in this leaflet

Signature

Name in
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Date

Return completed application form to APHA office

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Date		Unit No:		Facility No:		2 nd	CL	Enc

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