

## Guidance Notes for Interim Land Association Management agreement - External Use

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1. Following the removal of the pre-movement testing (PrMT) exemption relating to Sole Occupancy Authorities (SOAs) at the end of September 2014, from the 1 October, the Welsh Government (WG) are introducing an Interim Land Association Management (ILAM) agreement.
2. This is an interim measure designed specifically to bridge the gap between the removal of PrMT exemption for movements within SOAs and the completion of the ongoing County Parish Holding (CPH) review process, when new arrangements will be introduced.
3. Herd keepers may **only** apply for an ILAM agreement if they hold an existing SOA. No other arrangement qualifies a herd keeper to apply for an ILAM. Any land management arrangement set up since November 2013, when new SOAs stopped being licenced by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) in Wales, are therefore subject to Pre-Movement Testing rules as set out in the Tuberculosis (Wales) Order 2013.
4. Eligible keepers can apply for an ILAM agreement prior to their coming into effect (1 October 2014) if they are already planning movements later than September (including returns from summer grazing).
5. Eligible keepers should contact their Official Veterinarian (OV) in the first instance to arrange for the application form and declarations to be completed - there will be a cost associated with this, to be agreed between the applicant and their OV. The application must be supported by the OV. Forms and guidance notes will be available from the APHA website and when completed should be posted to the Caerpharf APHA office.
6. There is no policy constraint on the number of locations included under a single agreement. When considering and application for an ILAM agreement parcels of land can only be considered for inclusion if they have a boundary ten miles or less from the boundary of the main holding. However, once the ILAM has been agreed exempted movements are allowed between **all** parcels of land listed as being **within** the agreed ILAM. Map references showing all parcels of land will need to be supplied along with the application.
7. The application will be assessed by APHA and the ILAM agreement will be confirmed where the following conditions are satisfied:
  - a boundary of land in the destination premises is within ten miles of the boundary of the main farm premises
  - the agreement holder (herd keeper) is the sole occupier of the premises concerned
  - the OV confirms that to the best of their knowledge there will be no nose to nose contact with cattle in adjacent herds, and that the proposed agreement does not pose a disease risk
  - premises may be rented, from a landlord who is the nominal occupier in Rural Payments Wales (RPW) terms, but if so, operations must be demonstrably separate from any landlord's activities
  - although Disease Control Order (DCO) standstills do not apply, movement reporting and recording imperatives remain in place and hence premises must be suitably identified. All movements, including internal ones, are subject to the conditions of appropriate species DCO general licence to move cattle, sheep, goats, pigs. During internal movements, animals must not have contact with other Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) susceptible livestock that are not within the ILAM holder's sole control. Movement across land, including fields, where the ILAM holder does not have sole control over all FMD susceptible animals is not permitted
  - exemption is between main farm premises and additional parcel of land only, not between multiple parcels of land.
8. The agreement will only be valid until the holding is addressed by the CPH review process.
9. APHA staff will verify that the application has been completed correctly and all relevant boxes are filled in before issuing any ILAM. A proportion of applications will be selected for an inspection visit by APHA field staff where the exemption criteria will be checked, including the ten mile radius.
10. APHA will terminate the agreement in cases of non-compliance with the conditions stated above, and pre-movement testing between the locations will be required.
11. Being granted an ILAM agreement does not remove the requirement to report movements to the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS).
12. The applicant will identify each location to be exempted with a CPH.
13. The applicant will identify each location covered in the agreement with a map reference.
14. This policy will be valid for Welsh CPHs that span across the border between Wales and England, where reciprocal arrangements are permitted.
15. An ILAM cannot be set up between premises located in areas where different routine surveillance testing intervals apply.

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