



British Cattle  
Movement Service

# Animals moved into England and Wales: Application for Cattle Passports

## The Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (as amended)

There is a Welsh version of this form available.

### Data Protection

For information on how we handle personal data go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search 'Rural Payments Agency personal information charter'.

### Important Information

Use this form to apply for cattle passports for animals moved into England and Wales from a European Union (EU) country, or from outside the EU. This form must be completed and signed by the keeper in respect of all animals moved into England and Wales from a European Union (EU) country, or from outside the EU. However, if cattle are moved into England and Wales for direct slaughter it is not necessary to apply for cattle passports provided the animals are slaughtered at a slaughterhouse within 15 days.

Animals imported into England and Wales from a non-EU country must be retagged with an official UK ear tag as required by the Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (as amended) within 20 days, and a passport applied for within 15 days of re-tagging.

It is an offence under the Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (as amended) to move an animal that has moved into England and Wales unless it is accompanied by a properly completed passport issued by the BCMS. This does NOT include the journey from the border inspection post to the holding of destination.

This form is available to download at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

If animals are imported into England and Wales from an EU country, or moved into England and Wales from the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Northern Ireland, the keeper must, within 15 days of their arrival at the holding of destination:

- register them with the Secretary of State, and
- surrender their cattle passports (if any) to them.

These provisions apply once the animals reach a holding that is not a market or showground, if this is their initial destination.

All cattle moved into England and Wales after 1 July 1996 have to be registered with the British Cattle Movement Service.

Animals imported into England and Wales from an EU country and identified according to European rules do not need to be retagged unless the tag is illegible or lost, in which case they must be retagged with replacement tags bearing the original number. Their cattle passports must be applied for within 15 days of arriving at the holding of destination.

Please use one form for each group of animals that:

- have been moved from the same country; and
- were moved on the same day; and
- are being kept on the same holding.

Your application will not be acknowledged. If you have not received your Cattle Passports or heard from BCMS within 15 days, please contact the BCMS on 0345 050 1234 or 0345 050 3456 if you are a cattle keeper in Wales.

Completed forms must be returned to BCMS, Curwen Road, Workington, Cumbria CA14 2DD. You must include;

- A list of the animal details; and
- A copy of the export Health Certificate(s) (please do not send originals) and
- For EU animals, the original foreign passport or passport details sheet in the case of animals from Northern Ireland (please do not send photocopies).

**It is your responsibility to ensure all supporting documents are supplied and correspond. Failure to supply any of the above documents will result in a delay in your application.**

## Details of holding

Please affix a barcode label for the holding where the animals are kept.

**Affix barcode label here**

Postal CPH  
(if different):

Country of export:

Date animal moved  
into holding:

Date animal moved  
into England and  
Wales:

We will send your passports to the postal address which you have asked us to use for all correspondence. If you want the passports for these animals to be sent to another address, please enter the location code (i.e. CPH number) in the box above. If you don't know the location code, ring the BCMS Helpline number on 0345 050 1234.



## Declaration and undertakings (to be completed by the person applying for the passport(s) in all cases).

The information given in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I agree that any inspector or veterinary inspector appointed by the appropriate Minister or Local Authority, accompanied by any person he considers necessary, may enter my holding or holdings to check the accuracy of the details entered on the form. I will give all reasonable assistance to such persons.

### I have enclosed the following:

Copy of Health certificates:

Additional sheets:

Passports or EU print out:  
(We will accept scanned images for animals moving into England and Wales from Northern Ireland).

**You are advised to keep a copy of your original documents.**

## Warning

**You risk prosecution if you knowingly or recklessly make a statement which is false or misleading.**

Name in  
BLOCK CAPITALS:

Status:

Signature:

Date:

If you have any queries about completing this form, please contact the BCMS Helpline on 0345 050 1234. The helpline is open from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday. If you are a cattle keeper in Wales call 0345 050 3456 or email us at [bcmsenquiries@rpa.gov.uk](mailto:bcmsenquiries@rpa.gov.uk)