



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

APHA Briefing Note 46/24

UPDATED INFORMATION NOTE TB181/TB181(Welsh)

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Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) and, in England and Wales, Approved Tuberculin Testers (ATTs) that the *TB181/TB181 (Welsh) - Information Note Automatic Animal and Public Health Restrictions following Disclosure of a Reactor or Inconclusive Reactor at an Official Diagnostic Test for Tuberculosis (TB) in Cattle, Buffalo or Bison* was updated on 31 October 2024.

Background

2. Movement restrictions automatically apply when reactors or Inconclusive Reactors (IRs) are disclosed in unrestricted herds.
3. Information Note TB181/TB181(Welsh) provides guidance to cattle keepers of their statutory obligations when reactors or IRs are disclosed at a TB test.
4. The TB tester must supply the keeper with a copy of the Information Note TB181/TB181(Welsh) on each occasion that reactors and/or IRs are disclosed in either unrestricted or restricted herds.
5. It has been recently brought to APHA's attention that OVs and ATTs are not always carrying the latest version of the TB181/TB181 (Welsh)..

Action

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6. OVs and ATTs must ensure they use the latest version of the TB 181/TB181 (Welsh) form and any other APHA forms used in the course of official duties carried out on behalf of APHA.

Further Information

7. The latest version of the TB181/TB181 (Welsh) forms can be found on the OV and ATT Instructions available at:
 - https://www.improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions.php?ta=ta_search, and
 - https://www.improve-ahp.com/instructions/instructions.php?ta=ta_search

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