

## **Advice to potential purchasers of cattle from a TB restricted herd dispersal sale**

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### **Please note the following important information and processes:**

- You will require a licence to move animals from this sale to the specified destination.
- You must apply for a licence to move animals from this herd sale from your local Animal Health office.
- You should contact your local Animal health office with an application for a licence at least 5 working days prior to the date of the sale.
- A veterinary risk assessment will be done by a Veterinary Officer at your local Animal Health Office prior to any licence being issued.
- You will only be issued a licence if the movement of animals from this farm into your herd will not add to the testing required already and if your herd is an equal or higher TB risk status.
- The licence will be copied to the auctioneer and forwarded to you.
- Please note you will need to provide a copy of the licence for every separate consignment of cattle purchased and moved and the cattle must be accompanied with a copy of a valid licence, and must comply with the conditions of that licence, during the movement.
- Any animals not fit for transport on the day of sale will be retained and may require additional testing if they are not fit for transport before the 60 day period for eligibility to move under pre movement test requirements expires. Any IRs identified as a result of this test will require isolation and subsequent testing and any reactor animals will be valued and slaughtered. This may impact on the other cattle within this group and prevent movement under licence until results or further testing has been carried out. This is an important consideration for cows approaching the last 10% (3 weeks) of pregnancy as Welfare in Transport Regulations apply.
- Any cattle purchased and moved under the issued licence must comply with the licence conditions. The issue of the licence may involve separation of the purchased cattle and/or a delay in your existing test date. Please ensure you are aware of the implications of purchasing cattle from this dispersal sale before moving the cattle on to your holding.
- Any animals subsequently identified as reactors in your destination herd will be removed as normal but additional testing on your premises may be necessary and this may result in a prolonged breakdown
- Tracings of all animals moved from the sale would be undertaken and testing of all the traced animals would be required if reactors are found at the destination of any cattle moving from this sale. This may result in identification of further reactors.

### **Criteria to determine eligibility for purchasing cattle from the sale.**

To be eligible to request a licence to move cattle from the sale you should be able to satisfy the following requirements:

- At least one Short Interval Test must have been completed
- The destination holding must be up to date with testing
- The destination holding must require 2 further herd tests at any interpretation

*If the movement is out of the county*

- The suspected origin of the infection on the premises of destination must not be due to purchased cattle only.
- Boundaries on the premises must be stock proof and no nose to nose contact possible with neighbouring cattle.

*If NVL reactors have been identified at the herd of origin and culture results are not yet available*

- The interpretation for your next test should be severe.

If you qualify for consideration for a licence once you have considered all these criteria, you should apply to your local office for a licence. However, approval for the movement will depend on a satisfactory risk assessment and qualification with the criteria above does not automatically result in the issue of a movement licence.