



## News item for BDVA members

Please see below a message from Defra about a new Order that covers Tb in deer. The Order can be found on the following website

[The Tuberculosis in Animals \(England\) Order 2021 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

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**Subject:** The Tuberculosis in Animals (England) Order 2021

Dear stakeholder

The current Bovine Tuberculosis (England) Order 2014 expires on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 so will be replaced by a new Order 'The Tuberculosis in Animals (England) Order 2021' which will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Whilst the new Order is largely rolling over existing bovine controls it does, for the first time, bring together the statutory TB controls for bovine animals and non-bovines species into the same Order. It also includes a new data sharing provision to support cattle purchasers. Details of the new replacement Order are summarised below.

### **Non-bovines**

Existing statutory provisions for farmed non-bovine species (South American camelids, managed deer, pigs, goats and sheep) have been incorporated into the new Order. The current Tuberculosis Deer and Camelid Order 2014 will be revoked as a result.

Consolidating current legal provisions relating to TB in non-bovine farmed animals to make a more coherent and transparent regime for farmers and regulators was a recommendation in Professor Godfray's review of the Bovine TB Strategy and we originally consulted on making these changes in 2016 see [Bovine TB: controlling bovine TB in non-bovine animals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). The new Order will not impose any new or additional controls on keepers of non-bovine animals.

In summary:

- It will apply the duty on veterinary professions to report suspicion of TB in live animals to now include all non-bovine species
- It will apply to all non-bovine species the duty on veterinary inspectors to carry out a veterinary inquiry where he or she has reason to believe that there is on any premises a live bovine animal or carcase affected by, or suspected of being affected by TB
- The powers that can be used to require a keeper to have any bovine animal tested for tuberculosis with a relevant test by a specified date will apply to all non-bovine species. In line with existing arrangements for other non-bovine species, this also means that

government mandated testing of deer will be funded by government, fixing a long-standing legislative anomaly.

- The prohibitions and consent requirements relating to testing, treatment and vaccination that apply to bovines will also apply to all non-bovine species. This means that TB vaccination of deer and camelids will not be banned (as it has been under existing legislation) but will still be subject to consent of the Secretary of State.
- It will apply to all non-bovine species the specific powers enabling an inspector to require the isolation of specific animals and prohibit the movement of some or all animals on to or off premises except under licence.
- It will extend to all non-bovine species the power that APHA has allowing a veterinary inspector to remove specified animals from markets, shows etc and require steps to be taken by the operators of such events to manage the risk posed by the removed animals e.g. cleansing and disinfecting premises.

### **Information sharing**

Defra's response to Professor Godfray's review of the TB eradication Strategy for England included a commitment to develop ibTB so that it can be a more effective tool to support responsible cattle movements. To help us prepare the ground and deliver on this commitment we have added a new provision to the Order that will enable us – at a future date – to share information on the TB histories of all cattle herds in England.

Thank you.

Defra Bovine TB Programme

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