

ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981

THE DISEASE CONTROL (ENGLAND) ORDER 2003 (AS AMENDED)

GENERAL LICENCE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF CATTLE

PART I

In accordance with Article 12 of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (the "Disease Control Order")¹, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs hereby authorises by this licence the movement of cattle within England, subject to the following conditions:

General

1. Prior to any movement the owner/keeper shall inspect the cattle to be moved for signs of any notifiable disease² (including Foot and Mouth Disease). If there is any suspicion of the presence of a notifiable disease, it must be notified without delay to the relevant Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) office and no animal kept on the premises of departure may be moved under this licence whilst the suspicion of disease is investigated or as advised by AHVLA.

Cleansing and disinfection

2. Any vehicle used for the movement of cattle under this licence must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected in accordance with the requirements set out in the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 and the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 (WATO). This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

Movements not permitted under this licence

3. This licence may not be used to move cattle from:
 - Market of any description to another market of any description
 - Market of any description to a collecting centre
 - Collecting centre to a market of any description
 - Collecting centre to collecting centre
 - Slaughterhouse to any other place
 - Dedicated slaughter market to any premises other than a slaughterhouse
 - Dedicated slaughter collection to any premises other than a slaughterhouse
 - Market to artificial insemination centre
 - Approved assembly centre to any other place other than:
 - a port or airport
 - a slaughterhouse in Great Britain
 - the premises from which the cattle were initially consigned to the assembly centre³

¹ References in this licence to UK legislation are references to that legislation as amended from time to time.

² www.gov.uk/disease-notification-duties-of-farmers/

³ except that cattle which have completed the relevant residency required by EU legislation and the relevant standstill on the premises of origin may move from an approved assembly centre to a farm in Great Britain other than that from which they were initially consigned to the approved assembly centre.

- a dedicated slaughter market.

6 day rule

4. No cattle may be moved under this licence from premises on to which one or more cattle, sheep, goats or pigs have been moved in the preceding 6 day period where this would not be lawful under the Disease Control Order. A summary of the relevant exemptions under that Order in relation to this rule is set out in Annex A.

Animal ID

5. All movements are subject to the provisions of The Cattle Identification Regulations 2007.

Compliance with the provisions of the above Regulations shall be a condition of this licence.

This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

Multiple Pick-ups/Drop offs

6. Multiple pick-ups and drop-offs are permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex B unless prohibited by any future measures.

Stops

7. Scheduled stops will be permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex C unless prohibited by any future measures. No transfers of livestock between vehicles (or unloading of livestock except in an emergency) are allowed at any stop, whether scheduled or not, except in the case of multiple pick up or drop off operations where this is done in accordance with the instructions set out in Annex B.

Mixing of Species

8. Animals of more than one species may travel in a single vehicle at any one time.

Movement reporting

9. The British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) must be notified within 3 calendar days of any cattle movement under this licence.
10. If breeding bulls are being moved to a market from a holding under standstill, then the sender must complete the declaration at Part II to this licence.
11. The recipient of the breeding bulls (including those returning unsold from a market) must complete the declaration at Part III to this licence.

Zoo movements

12. Movements of cattle to, from, or between zoo premises licensed under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 are not subject to the Disease Control Order. Such movements do not therefore fall within the terms of this licence.

Sole Occupancy Authority

13. This licence may not be used to move cattle from any premises within a Sole Occupancy Authority to any premises outside that Sole Occupancy Authority whilst

any premises within that Sole Occupancy Authority are under a movement standstill as provided for by Articles 4 and 5 of the Disease Control Order.

Validity of Licence and Restrictions

14. No cattle may be moved under this licence on or off premises if this is contrary to any other notifiable disease control measures in place at the time of the proposed movement.
15. This licence cannot be used to move any cattle whose movement is prohibited under any notice issued whether under Article 13 of the Disease Control Order or otherwise.
16. This licence is not valid for cattle that were born or reared in the UK before 1 August 1996.
17. Without prejudice to the liability of any other person for any breach of these conditions, it shall be the responsibility of the owner/keeper of any animals moved under the licence to ensure that a movement is at all times carried out subject to, and in compliance with, these conditions.

This licence comes into force at 00.01 hrs on 6 April 2014.

Signed By Nieves Bottomley

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Dated 3 April 2014.

This licence hereby revokes and replaces the licence authorised on 9 November 2010 with effect from 00.01hrs 6 April 2014.

PART II

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**DECLARATION BY THE SENDER OF BREEDING BULLS MOVING TO A MARKET BETWEEN
1 AUGUST AND 30 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE**

I, (name) declare that I have sent bulls as follows:

Identification Mark (Individual Ear tag number)

From

Address of Premises of departure:									
CPH of premises of departure:									

To

Address of market premises:									
CPH of market premises:									

On(date)

I declare that this/these* bull/bulls* is/are* intended for breeding to be sold at a market at any time from 1 August to 30 November (inclusive); and that:

- *I have confined them in an isolation facility, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, for a period of 6 days before the date of movement stated above.

Signed: Date:.....

(*delete where applicable)

PART III

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DECLARATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF BREEDING BULLS (INCLUDING THOSE RETURNING UNSOLD FROM A MARKET BETWEEN 1 AUGUST AND 30 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE)

I, (*name*) declare that I have received bulls as follows:

Identification Mark/ Individual Ear Tag number)

At

Address of Premises of destination:									
CPH of premises of destination:									

From

Address of premises of departure:									
CPH of premises of departure:									

On(*date*)

I declare that this/these bull/bulls* is/are* intended to be used for breeding purposes on the premises of destination listed above, at any time from 1 August to 30 November (inclusive);

or

I declare that this/these bull/bulls* is/are* intended to be used for breeding purposes and have returned unsold from a market to the premises of destination listed above

and that:

- *I have confined them in an isolation facility, approved by notice by a veterinary inspector, and that they will be so confined for a period of 6 days from the date of arrival on the premises of destination

Signed:

Date:.....

(*delete where applicable)