
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Brucellosis (England) Order 2015

Precautions against the spread of infection

12.—(1) Where an officer has certified that any bovine animal has reacted to a diagnostic test for brucellosis, the occupier of the premises must, on being given notice of certification, take all reasonable steps to prevent the infection of bovine animals kept on adjoining premises by contact with bovine animals kept on that person's premises.

(2) Where an officer has certified that any bovine animal has reacted to a diagnostic test for brucellosis or the officer reasonably believes it is infected with that disease, the officer may serve a notice in accordance with paragraph (3) on the owner or person in charge of that animal or on the occupier of the premises.

(3) A notice under paragraph (2) may require the owner or person in charge of the bovine animal or the occupier of the premises where the animal is kept to ensure that milk from the animal is not fed to other animals unless it has been pasteurised, sterilised or ultra-heat treated.

(4) Where an officer reasonably believes that any bovine animal kept or formerly kept on any premises is infected with brucellosis, or has been exposed to the risk of infection by that disease, the officer may serve a notice on the owner or person in charge of the animal requiring them to—

- (a) arrange for the isolation of any animal specified in the notice in any part of the premises specified in the notice;
- (b) ensure that any part of the premises specified in the notice is not used by any animal on the premises, or by such animals as may be specified;
- (c) at that person's own expense, cleanse and disinfect any part of the premises specified in the notice, and any vehicle, plant or equipment before it leaves the premises;
- (d) treat and store manure, slurry or other animal waste from any place used by the animal;
- (e) restrict the spreading of manure and the spraying of slurry from any place used by the animal, as specified in the notice; and
- (f) burn, disinfect, bury or destroy any straw, litter or other matter which has or might have come into contact with the animal, its foetus or calf, or its placenta, as specified in the notice.

(5) A notice served in accordance with paragraph (4) may require any cow or heifer on the premises which is about to calve to be isolated as far as practicable from other bovine animals during the period of calving.

(6) Where an officer reasonably believes that any bovine animal which is present at, or has been present at, any slaughterhouse or premises used for a show, exhibition, market, sale or fair is infected with brucellosis, the officer may serve a notice on the occupier of the slaughterhouse or premises prescribing the manner of disposal of any manure, slurry, other animal waste, straw, litter or other matter which has or might have come into contact with the animal.