

CATTLE

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This book is designed to enable keepers of cattle to meet their legal obligations

These records may alternatively be kept on computer (and the details made available for inspection on request)

Please make entries within statutory time limits (see inside this cover)

| Cattle movement book (register) |
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| Keeper/holding name: |
| Address: |
| Postcode: |
| Holding number: |
| Herd number: |
| White pages Complete one line for each event |

Legislation

Various pieces of legislation place statutory obligations on the keepers of bovines, sheep, goats, pigs and farmed deer to keep records of movements and in the case of some species births, deaths and ages.

Failure to meet with these various statutory obligations render those keeping or managing livestock at risk of committing criminal offences or a reduction in your single farm payment. For further information contact the Local Authority quoted on the front cover of this book.

Notification of holdings

Owners or persons in charge of bovines, pigs, sheep, goats and farmed deer must be registered with Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency. You should also notify any changes in respect of the species of livestock kept i.e. additional species kept or given up.

Livestock markets

Livestock markets are “Holdings” for the purposes of animal movement records.

Changes of ownership – stock not moved off holding

Whereby individual animals change ownership but do not move from a holding as a result, an entry should be made in the records maintained by both “seller” and “buyer”. This is particularly important when animals are traded privately at livestock markets or shows/sales.

Retention of records

The original records must be retained for a statutory minimum period of 10 years from the last date of entry. Veterinary medicines – 5 years.

Useful contact numbers

DEFRA Helpline 0845 9335577

RPA – To get CPH number 0845 6037777

Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency 01392 266373

NFU Regional Office 01392 440700

Fallen stock

Fallen cattle aged over 48 months must be tested for BSE under EU rules. Contact your normal collector or the National Fallen Stock Company (NFSCo) 0845 054 8888

Entries - timescale

Statutory obligations require entries to be made:

- Movement of Animals – within 36 hours after the movement – separate entry for each movement
- In the case of the birth of a bovine, in a dairy herd – within 7 days of birth, for other herds – within 30 days of birth
- In the case of the death of a bovine – within 7 days of the death
- In the case of a replacement ear tag where the ear tag number is changed – within 36 hours of the replacement

NB: Please make a separate entry (i.e. one line per animal) for every event/movement where animals are required to be identified individually.

Dead cattle

Consignment notes from carcass collection companies must be retained for 2 years

