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6.1 Death reporting

You must return the passport for a dead animal to BCMS within seven days.

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You can report your animal's death electronically in the following ways.

- On the internet using CTS Online at www.bcms.gov.uk.
- On the internet using a farm software package.
- On the telephone using the CTS Self Service Line on 0845 011 1212; Welsh language 0845 011 1213.

Reporting electronically means that the information gets to CTS more quickly and any problems with an animal's identity can be identified promptly. If you choose to report electronically, you must still return the passport to us but you don't need to complete the death details. If you have a single-page passport (CPP52), you must tick the box in the death details section to advise us that the death has already been reported electronically and then return the passport to us.



If you don't report the animal's death electronically, you must complete the death details section on the passport or certificate of registration and return them and any other official identification documents to BCMS within seven days. Section 4.2 shows the type of identification documents we need. Please do not return other documents for the animal to us, for example breed certificates.

6.2 If an animal is slaughtered at a licensed slaughterhouse

When you send animals for slaughter to a licensed slaughterhouse, you must tell us about the movement 'off' your holding.

Slaughterhouse operators must report movements of animals 'on' to their premises and, in exceptional circumstances where licensed to do so, 'off' their premises.

Make sure the animal is correctly tagged and the correct document(s) go with it. If the documents do not match the animal, it will be rejected at slaughter. The slaughterhouse must tell us about a movement 'on' to the slaughterhouse. When the animal has been slaughtered, the slaughterhouse will return the passport to us.

It is now possible for slaughterhouses to report deaths of cattle online using CTS Online, a software package or the CTS Self Service Line.

The slaughterhouse may report your movements, please check if they are doing this for you (see section 5.5d for more information).

6.3 If an animal dies on your holding

You are not allowed to bury or burn carcasses on your holding (unless an incineration plant on your holding has been approved by the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency). In Great Britain, the only exceptions to the ban are for specified remote areas in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, the Scilly Isles, Lundy Island and the Isle of Wight in England, and Bardsey Island, Flatholm Island and Caldey Island in Wales.

a Animals over 48 months old

You must contact a collector within 24 hours of death to arrange delivery of the carcase to an approved sampling site, so that a brainstem sample can be taken for BSE testing. If for any reason the animal has not been registered, it must still be sent for BSE testing.

If you deliver the carcase, you should contact an approved sampling site to agree this within 24 hours, and you must deliver the carcase within a further 48 hours. A list of sites is available on the AHVLA's website at animalhealth.defra.gov.uk or from your local AHVLA office.

You can also use your local fallen stock collector, or join the National Fallen Stock Scheme (NFSS) run by the National Fallen Stock Company (NFSCo). For information on NFSCo, call 0845 054 8888.

If you have a single-page passport (CPP52), please leave the TSE cut-off slip with the carcase. If you have a chequebook-style passport (CPP13) or a certificate of registration, please leave a movement card with the carcase. This speeds up processing and means the identity of the animal can

be recorded quickly and accurately. We recommend you put the TSE cut-off slip or movement card in a plastic bag or envelope, and secure it to the carcass. Do not send the passport with the animal, you must return it to us within seven days.

The Isle of Wight and certain Scottish islands are exempt from sending animals for BSE testing. Details of these areas are available online at defra.gov.uk and scotland.gov.uk.

You must report your animal deaths to us within seven days. See section 6.1 for more information.

b Animals under 48 months old

You must send the carcass to a hunt kennel or knacker's yard. You can use your local fallen stock collector or join the National Fallen Stock Scheme (NFSS) run by the National Fallen Stock Company (NFSCo). For information, call their helpline on 0845 054 8888. If you wish to incinerate the carcass on-site, you will need approval from the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency.

You must report your animal deaths to us within seven days. See section 6.1 for more information.

You do not need to report a movement 'off' your holding.

c Animals slaughtered on the holding

If your animal is slaughtered on your holding by a vet or slaughterhouse operator and then sent to a slaughterhouse for dressing, you must complete the death details in the passport and send it with the animal to the slaughterhouse. The passport must show that the animal died on the farm. The slaughterhouse will then return the passport to us.

If the animal is over 72 months old, a brainstem sample will be taken for BSE testing at the slaughterhouse.

6.4 An animal refused a passport is slaughtered

Any animal refused a passport must not enter the human food chain under any circumstances.

a Animals over 48 months old

You must contact a collector within 24 hours of death to arrange delivery of the carcass to an approved sampling site, so that a brainstem sample can be taken for BSE testing. If you deliver the carcass, you should contact an approved sampling site to agree this within 24 hours, and you must deliver the carcass within a further 48 hours.

You may only move a live animal under licence to an approved sampling site. You must contact us before moving the animal and ask for a movement licence (CPP1b), and tell us the name and address of the approved sampling site. You must give the movement licence to them. They will fill in the slaughter details and return the form to us.

You do not need to tell us about a movement 'off' your holding, and we do not need to be told about a movement 'on' to the approved sampling site. We enter this information onto CTS when the approved sampling site sends us the movement licence confirming the animal's death.

The Isle of Wight and certain Scottish islands are exempt from the requirement to submit animals for BSE testing. Details of these areas are available online at defra.gov.uk and scotland.gov.uk.

b Animals under 48 months old

You may only move the animal under licence to a hunt kennel or knacker's yard.

You must contact us before moving the animal and ask for a movement licence (CPP1b) and tell us the name and address of the hunt kennel or knacker's yard.

You must give the movement licence to the hunt kennel or knacker's yard. They will fill in the slaughter details and return the form to us.

You do not need to tell us about a movement 'off' your holding, and we do not need to be told about a movement 'on' to the hunt kennel or knacker's yard. We enter this information onto CTS when the approved sampling site sends us back the movement licence confirming the animal's death.

6.5 BSE testing for imported cattle

The rules described apply to cattle **born** in any of the EU Member States listed below.

Austria; Belgium; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; Netherlands; Poland; Portugal; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; United Kingdom.

Cattle born in one of the listed* Member States should keep the following prefix on their ear tags.

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| Austria | AT | Latvia | LV |
| Belgium | BE | Lithuania | LT |
| Cyprus | CY | Luxembourg | LU |
| Czech Republic | CZ | Malta | MT |
| Denmark | DK | Netherlands | NL |
| Estonia | EE | Poland | PL |
| Finland | FI | Portugal | PT |
| France | FR | Slovak Republic | SK |
| Germany | DE | Slovenia | SI |
| Greece | EL | Spain | ES |
| Hungary | HU | Sweden | SE |
| Ireland | IE | United Kingdom | UK |
| Italy | IT | | |

* Subject to change

Cattle with ear tags which do not have the prefixes listed above must be BSE tested at over 30 months (healthy slaughter) or over 24 months (fallen stock, emergency slaughter or sick at ante-mortem).

To help your slaughterhouse or animal by-product premises/sampling site comply with BSE testing requirements, please inform them if the animal was **born outside the EU** and imported into a Member State. These animals can be difficult to identify as they will be re-tagged with a tag showing the importing Member State's prefix (unless slaughtered within 20 days).