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What you should do when an animal dies

6.1 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.

The correct document(s) must go with the animal. 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 person who runs the slaughterhouse will enter the details of the death on the inside back page of the passport and give it to the official veterinary surgeon (or his or her representative) in the slaughterhouse. They will then return the passport to us.

In Scotland, the slaughterhouse may report your movements for you. Please check with them that you do not need to tell us about your part of the movement.

6.2 If an animal dies on your holding

You are not allowed to bury or burn carcasses (other than using an approved incineration plant) on your holding. In Great Britain, the only exceptions to the ban are for specified¹ remote areas in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; the Scilly Isles and Lundy Island in England; and Bardsey 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 to an approved sampling site, so that a brainstem sample can be taken for BSE testing. If delivering the carcass yourself, you should contact an approved sampling site to agree this within 24 hours and must deliver the carcass within a further 48 hours. A list of sites is available on Animal Health's website at www.defra.gov.uk or from your local Animal Health Divisional Office. If for any reason the animal has not been registered, it must still be sent for BSE testing. 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 on NFSCo, call 0845 054 8888.

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 at www.defra.gov.uk.

Complete the death details in the passport or certificate of registration and return them and any other official identification documents to BCMS within seven days.

Section 4.3f has details on how to fill in the death details on the passport. You do not need to report a movement 'off' your holding.

¹ The Animal By-Products (Scotland) Regulations 2003 [SSI 2003 No, 411]

Please leave a movement card with your bar-code label with the carcase. This speeds up processing and means the identity of the animal can be recorded quickly and accurately.

b Animals under 48 months old

You must send the animal carcase 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 prefer, you can use an approved on-farm incinerator.

Complete the death details in the passport or certification of registration and return them and any other official identification documents to BCMS within seven days.

Section 4.3f has details on how to fill in the death details on the passport. You do not need to report a movement 'off' your holding.

6.3 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 may only move the animal under licence to an approved sampling site. You must contact a collector within 24 hours of death to arrange delivery to an approved sampling site, so that a brainstem sample can be taken for BSE testing. If delivering the carcase yourself, you should contact an approved sampling site to agree this within 24 hours and must deliver the carcase within a further 48 hours.

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 the approved sampling site. 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 back 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 at www.defra.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.