



14 November 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ORGANISERS OF AND EXHIBITORS AT LIVESTOCK SHOWS/FAIRS, 2022

GENERAL

1. Agriculture Show/Fair organisers must notify the SVI at their local RVO of the intention to hold a show and provide the location and proposed dates of the show/event.
2. Keeper herd numbers for Agricultural Shows /Fairs must be obtained in advance from Animal Identification and Movement Division, Backweston Administration Building, Stacumny Lane, Celbridge, Co Kildare, W23 X3PH - Telephone (01) 5058882. Requests for a Keeper number for a Show/Fair should be made at least two weeks before the event.
3. Exhibitors should apply in good time to the Show Secretary to check any requirements specific to that show.
4. The Animal Identification and Movement Division has received queries concerning a small number of “Local Fairs”. All such events must be notified to the SVI in the relevant RVO. The SVI will advise on the managements of such events including the procedures to be followed in respect of recording the movement of animals concerned.
5. Where a Livestock Mart premises is being used for the purpose of a Show **and** the Livestock Mart system is being utilised to record the intake and onward movement of the bovine animals to the AIM database a Certificates of Compliance will not be required.
6. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the updated criteria set out in Section “Specific Requirements – Cattle” and the application form (NBAS31K) to forward to the RVO when requesting a Certificate of Compliance for movement of bovine to a Show.
7. Documentation is available @ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/68686-animal-identification-movement-aim/#shows> . Also see [gov.ie - Data Protection Privacy Notices \(www.gov.ie\)](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/68686-animal-identification-movement-aim/#shows).

CODE OF PRACTICE – BIOSECURITY

Showground Co-operatives, Agricultural Premises and Livestock Marts

In general movement and mixing of animals presents the greatest risk of the spread of most animal diseases. For that reason the operators of livestock shows, marts, etc., have a key role to play in ensuring that the disease risks associated with their premises and operations are kept to a minimum. Specific legal requirements apply in relation to bio-security arrangements. Adherence to these bio-security arrangements and the guidelines outlined below can have a significant impact on reducing the opportunities for disease transmission.

Acceptance of animals

- All keepers must be registered appropriately if presenting animals (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry, horses and other equine, exotic/other animals).
- Under no circumstances should animals that are identified improperly or documented improperly be accepted.

Cleaning / disinfection

- All areas where animals will be located should be clean and contamination free prior to introducing animals for show purposes.
- I. All areas where show animals are congregated, held or have been in contact should be washed down thoroughly and disinfected with an approved disinfectant at the end of each day at a minimum. A list of these disinfectants is available on the gov.ie website.
- II. Keep drinking/feeding troughs clean and free of animal waste or other contaminants.
- III. Cleaning and disinfection facilities should be available on site for all transport vehicles delivering/collecting animals. Shows should enforce the use of these cleaning and disinfection facilities at all times.
- IV. Ensure that clients, when visiting the premises, wear waterproof footwear (e.g. wellington boots) that can be cleaned and disinfected easily.
- V. Provide foot-baths with suitable approved disinfectant at appropriate locations on the premises.
- VI. Provide facilities for hand washing with liquid soap and for washing down footwear.
- VII. Provide signs on premises reminding people of the need to minimise the risks of disease transmission and the availability on-site of washing facilities for vehicles and persons.

Identification, documentation and record keeping

- VIII. Retain a record of the registration number of each vehicle delivering/collecting each consignment of animals.
- IX. Maintain a register, in readily accessible form, of all vendors/buyers, including numbers and types of animals involved in each transaction.
- X. Ensure compliance with all requirements in relation to record keeping and retention of records.
- XI. Forward completed Certificates of Compliance in respect of bovines and Sheep or Goat Dispatch Documents to the local Regional Veterinary Office to ensure that the cattle, sheep and goat movement details are recorded on the Animal Identification and Movement (AIM) database within 7 days of the Show. Failure to have movements recorded within the required time scale may have implications for the herdkeeper/s involved.

Suspicious/unusual transactions or movements

- XII. Report any suspicious or unusual transactions or movements involving livestock to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine or the Garda Síochána (such information can be provided on a strictly confidential basis).

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - CATTLE

Animal Health Status

T.B.- Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme

All animals must come from herds, which are Officially TB free (OTF) (i.e. not restricted) and the herd and relevant animals must have had a clear test within the previous twelve months – this test must be recorded on the Department’s Animal Health Computer System (AHCS). In general, apart from cows, and males over the age of 36 months (see next paragraph) no pre-movement test is required for T.B. However, it is recommended by the Department that a 30-day pre-movement test for TB should apply to all Shows. Animals which have disclosed inconclusive reactor results are not permitted to be moved for the purpose of exhibition at shows.

New Animal Health Law Requirements

From the 1st of February, 2023 cows, and males over the age of 36 months that move from a show **to a different herd** must either have been tested in the previous 30 days or the animal and the herd presenting it to the show must have been tested in the previous 6 months prior to movement. If a cow, or a male over the age of 36 months, moves from a show to a different herd and does not meet the above criteria then a TB test must be carried out on the animal concerned within 30 days of its movement into the new herd. If after 30 days, the animal has not been tested, the herd into which it has moved will be restricted and if, after a further 30 days the animal has still not been tested then the entire herd will be listed for a TB test.

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD)

All bovine animals which were born since 01/01/2013 must have a negative BVD status for BVD virus (not antibody) when moving, including to shows, within the state.

Reminder that Ireland’s Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) eradication programme has recently been recognised by the EU as per the Animal Health Law and EU implementing regulation 2021/620. Animals entering the state, including from N.I. will need a valid E.U. Health Certificate

Bovine Identification & Mandatory Electronic Identification of bovines (EID)

Mandatory electronic identification of bovines (EID) is being implemented with effect from 1st July 2022. This means that all bovine animals born on or after 1st July 2022 must be identified with 2 official flag tags one of which contains an EID component. All bovines born prior to 1st July 2022 must continue to bear 2 official flag tags as heretofore. There is no mandatory requirement that bovines in this age category bear an official EID tag.

Passports

All bovines attending shows must be accompanied by their passports.

AIM Notification

1. The movement of cattle to and from an Agricultural Show /Fairs within the State must be recorded on the Animal Identification and Movement System (AIM).
2. With effect from 4 February 2019 there is a specific Certificates of Compliance for the “Movement of Bovine from a Single Holding to a Show”.
3. The herd keeper must obtain the Certificate of Compliance prior to the movement of animals. The certificate can be created by (i) applying on-line using their agfood account or (ii) where the keeper is not on line the certificate can be generated by the local RVO following receipt of a completed NBAS 31 K.
4. The creation of a certificate is subject to normal criteria such as clear TB test etc.
5. A copy of form NBAS 31 K is included at Appendix 1 and will also be available on www.gov.ie.
6. When applying for this certificate the destination herd / or Show number is not required. The certificate generated will include an “S” symbol.

7. The Certificate of Compliance for a Show will continue to be valid for a period of up to 30 days. As is currently the case these can be used for the movement of animal/s to a number of shows during the validity period of the certificate.
8. Calves which are less than 10 days cannot be moved to a Show.
9. The Movement Notification Section of the Certificate should be completed by the Keeper and the Show Secretary who must clearly indicate the Show Number. The Show movement should be recorded on the passport. Ultimate responsibility for fulfilling these requirements lies with the Show Secretary.
10. If the animal/s move from the show to a herd other than the source herd, the new destination herd must also sign the certificate.
11. Completed forms must be sent by the Show Secretary to the local RVO within 7 days of the Show. Failure to have movements recorded within the required time scale may have implications for the herdkeeper/s involved.

CATTLE IMPORTED FROM NORTHERN IRELAND TO IRELAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF SHOWING

It is very important that any proposal to import cattle to a show, including from Northern Ireland, is **made known to the local Regional Veterinary Office** well in advance so that consideration can be given to compliance with the requirements outlined below.

Premises

The Show premises at which the cattle will reside for the duration of their stay must either be an assembly centre approved for exports or of such a standard as being capable of being approved for such a purpose temporarily. A fundamental requirement for such premises is that they have surfaces that are capable of being cleaned and disinfected, and have adequate cleaning and disinfection facilities. Adequate segregation facilities may be required also (see under "Status of Animals" below).

Status of Bovine Animals imported from Northern Ireland for a Show

Cattle from Northern Ireland being moved to a show must be certified in accordance with the normal animal health requirements for intra-community trade in breeding animals including having passed a TB test (export interpretation) during the 30 days prior to export.

With regard to BVD

- These animal(s) must meet the requirements of certification as per EU 2021/403.
- The EHC should be made available to the show organiser and RVO

To comply with eligibility requirements for re-importation into Northern Ireland after the show

Cattle cannot mix with any cattle of a lesser health status while at the show.

This can be achieved in one of two ways:

- (i) either the imported animals are kept segregated fully from other cattle at the show which have not been tested, or
- (ii) all cattle attending the show must have been TB tested (export interpretation) within 30 days.

Documentation Required

1. Cattle **imported** to a show **from** Northern Ireland must be accompanied by an original breeding animal intra-trade health certificate (EHC, also known as a TRACES certificate) and a passport for each animal.
2. A TRACES message, corresponding with the TRACES certificate, will be sent for each animal or consignment being dispatched to the show (this will be performed by officials in the dispatching country).

3. For the return journey, this original certificate must be endorsed by the signature of the official veterinarian of the Department at the show, together with the official stamp of the competent authority and date of endorsement.
4. A TRACES message will be sent for the return journey also (this will be performed by Department officials attending the show).
5. In addition, a non-comminglement certificate must be issued by the official veterinarian for the show at or before return, stating that the animal shows no clinical signs of disease and has not been in contact, during its stay at the show/event, with animals of a lesser health status. The passport must accompany the animal on the return journey also.
6. CMMS 5 - In such cases and in addition to the above the Keeper/Owner of the animals in conjunction with the Show Secretary must also ensure that a CMMS 5 document is completed and returned to the Animal Identification and Movement Division, Backweston Administration Building, Stacumny Lane, Celbridge, Co Kildare, W23 X3PH detailing those animals imported to take part in the Show. The keeper of the imported animal(s) is required to sign the form when the animal arrives at the Show and provide his/her herd number. Following the Show, the official veterinarian should complete the bottom portion of the CMMS 5 form also confirming that he has stamped the official Health Certificate and that he has issued a Non-Comminglement Certificate.
7. A copy of the CMMS 5 form is attached at Appendix 2 and will also be available on the Departments website/from the local RVO.
8. The Secretary/Keeper should retain a photocopy of the form if required.

CATTLE EXPORTED TO NORTHERN IRELAND (AND RETURNED) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SHOWING

- (i) Cattle moving from Ireland to a Show in Northern Ireland must be recorded on the Department's Animal Identification and Movement database (AIM).
- (ii) When the intra-community-trade Certificate is being issued by the local RVO, they will arrange to have the export movement for the animal(s) recorded onto AIM. All cattle must be accompanied by an official TRACES intra-community-trade certificate for bovine animals.
- (iii) A TRACES message, corresponding with the TRACES certificate, will be sent for each animal or consignment being dispatched to the show (this will be performed by Department officials in the RVO).
- (iv) All animals will require a valid identity card/ passport
- (v) All animals aged over 42 days will require a negative TB test (export interpretation) within 30 days prior to export
- (vi) Regarding BVD, owners will need to satisfy the RVO
 - a. that the proposed show will not accept animals from herds that have contained animals Persistently Infected (P.I.) with BVD within the past 18 months
 - b. that all animals at the show will come from herds where every animal has either a direct or indirect negative BVD test
- (vii) An official certificate of non-cominglement should be issued by the veterinarian at the show, at or before the time of return
- (viii) All animals should be isolated for at least 14 days on their return to the herd of origin. The herd owner should make arrangements with the RVO to have the animal(s) sampled for BVD antibody and antigen before mixing with the rest of the herd.
 - a. Owners should be aware that if the results of these tests indicate that the animal(s) pose a risk to the National eradication programme, an epidemiological investigation may be triggered.

Note – Normal export rules including the 30 day residency rule will apply.

Application Form for a Certificate of Compliance for the Movement of Bovine from a Single Holding to a SHOW



An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

NBAS 31K
Appendix 1

SOURCE HERD NUMBER

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ENTER THE <u>HERD NUMBER</u> OF THIRD PARTY INVOLVED (IF ANY)							
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ENTER THE EARTAG NUMBER OF EACH ANIMAL PROPOSED TO MOVE IN THE SPACES PROVIDED

PLEASE NOTE - A calf that has not attained the age of ten days cannot move to a Show

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SOURCE DECLARATION

I undertake (i) to move the cattle directly from the holding specified above, (ii) only to move the cattle listed above, (iii) to ensure that all animals moved will comply with all animal health/movement regulations including those relating to TB & BVD and (iv) not to move any cattle that show any visible signs of disease or ill health.

Signed

Date

Completed form should be forwarded to your local Regional Veterinary Office.

Tick this box only if you require a separate Certificate for each of the individual animals listed above

**MOVEMENT NOTIFICATION FOR THE
TEMPORARY IMPORT OF BOVINE ANIMALS INTO
IRELAND FOR SHOW PURPOSES**

(Contact the Regional Veterinary Office prior to movement)



An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
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Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

CMMS 5

Appendix 2

**1 A Complete this form by entering the requested details below and forward to AIM
Division, Backweston, Celbridge, Co Kildare within 7 days of the show**

1 B Please enter, in the space provided, the eartag number of each animal moved

**ANIMAL DETAILS - ENTER THE EARTAG NUMBER OF EACH ANIMAL PROPOSED TO
MOVE IN THE SPACES PROVIDED**

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2A ENTER DATE OF MOVEMENT TO SHOW

**2B ENTER DATE OF MOVEMENT
FROM SHOW (IF DIFFERENT TO 2a)**

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

3. a Keeper's Declaration																	
I declare that the above listed animal(s) departed my holding on the date(s) given above and will be returned immediately after the Show																	
Sign here																	
Herd No																	

3. b Keeper's Declaration (Show Secretary etc.)																	
I declare that the above listed animal(s) arrived and departed from my holding on the dates given above																	
Sign here																	
Herd/Show Number																	

Note- Both parties are responsible for the completion of this form. The form should also be signed by both parties.

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN																	
I CONFIRM THAT I (a) have endorsed the official intra-community Health Certificate which accompanied the animal(s) to the Show and (b) have issued a certificate confirming that the animal(s) did not commingle with other bovine animals of a lesser health status whilst at the show and (c) that the traces message is completed as required.																	
Signed ----- (Veterinary Inspector)												Official Stamp					
Date -----																	

**MOVEMENT NOTIFICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BOVINE ANIMALS
which had been EXPORTED FROM IRELAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ATTENDING A SHOW IN ANOTHER COUNTRY**

(i.e. may include both Irish registered bovine and other registered bovine
which were resident in Ireland prior to movement for the show)
(Contact the Regional Veterinary Office prior to movement)



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Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

CMMS 6 Appendix 3:

**1A Complete this form by entering the requested details below and forward to your local Regional
Veterinary Office within 7 days of returning home from the Show**

1 B Please enter, in the space provided, the eartag number of each animal moved

**1. ANIMAL DETAILS - ENTER THE EARTAG NUMBER OF EACH ANIMAL PROPOSED TO MOVE IN THE
SPACES PROVIDED**

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2A ENTER DATE OF MOVEMENT TO SHOW

**2B ENTER DATE OF MOVEMENT
FROM SHOW (IF DIFFERENT TO**

2a)

DAY	MONTH	YEAR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR

3. a Keeper's Declaration

I declare that the above listed animal(s) departed and returned to my holding on the date(s) given
above to attend a show in another country.

Sign here

Keeper Herd No									
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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

I CONFIRM THAT

- (a) The animals above moved to a Show **in another country** on the date indicated at 2A and returned back to the keeper's holding on the date indicated at 2 B
- (b) An intra-community Health Certificate for these animals was issued from this office and accompanied the animal(s) to the Show
- (c) That the intra- Community Health Certificate referred to at (b) above was endorsed by an official veterinarian at the Show and that a certificate was issued confirming that the animal(s) did not commingle with other bovine animals of a lesser health status whilst at the Show.

Signed ----- (Veterinary Inspector)
Department Agriculture Food and the Marine

Date -----

Official Stamp

**APPENDIX 4 - Issuing Bodies approved by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the
Marine for the purposes of issuing identity documents for equidae**

*** Please note that microchips starting with this number can be used by more than one organisation**

Approved Keeper of Studbook	Contact Details	Name of Studbook	Microchip Number (Lead numbers of microchips supplied by this organisation as part of the registration process)
Weatherby's Ireland GSB Ltd. Tara Court Dublin Road Naas, Co. Kildare	Tel: 045 – 879979 Fax: 045 – 879691 Email: studbookireland@weatherbys.ie	General Studbook for Thoroughbreds Weatherby's Non-Thoroughbred Register	9851010*
Horse Sport Ireland Beech House Millennium Park Naas Co. Kildare	Tel: 045 – 850800 Fax: 045 – 850850 Email: info@horsesportireland.ie Web: www.horsesportireland.ie	The Irish Sport Horse Studbook & its supplements The Irish Draught Horse Studbook & its Appendix The Irish Sport Pony Studbook The Irish Cob Studbook and the Irish Part-Bred Studbook (Temporary Basis)	3721414
Connemara Pony Breeder's Society The Showgrounds Clifden Co. Galway	Tel: 095 - 21863 Fax: 095 – 21005 Email: enquiries@cpbs.ie	Connemara Pony Studbook	3721004
Leisure Horse Ireland (formerly The Irish Piebald and Skewbald Association Ltd.) Furbo Hill, Spiddal, Co. Galway	Tel: 091 – 577577 Fax: 091 – 670111 Email: info@lhi.ie Web: www.lhi.ie	Irish Piebald & Skewbald studbook Irish Donkey Studbook	3721403 (Previously 942)
Kerry Bog Pony Co-Op Society Rosetown Lodge Newbridge Co Kildare	Tel: 045 – 432007 Email: mary@marymcgrath.ie	Kerry Bog Pony Studbook	3721414 (Note: Studbook maintained by Horse Sport Ireland)
Irish Warmblood Studbook Ltd. 14 Carrowgar Ogonnelloe Scarriff, Co. Clare	Tel: 087 – 2229701 Fax: 061 – 923222 Email: admin@irish-warmblood.com	Warmblood Studbook of Ireland	97227
Irish Harness Association Dundee House Summerhill South Cork	Tel: 01 – 5310365 info@irishharnessracing.com		372414
The following organisations are approved to issue identity documents for equidae which are ineligible for entry into one of the studbooks listed above (i.e. non-registered equines)			
Horse Sport Ireland Beech House, Millennium Park Naas, Co Kildare	Tel. No: 045 850800 Fax. No: 045 850850 e-mail: info@horsesportireland.ie Web: www.horsesportireland.ie		
Leisure Horse Ireland (formerly Irish Piebald & Skewbald Association) Furbo Hill Spiddal, Co Galway	Tel. No: 091 577577 Mobile No. 087 9077668 Fax: 091 - 670111 e-mail: info@lhi.ie		

