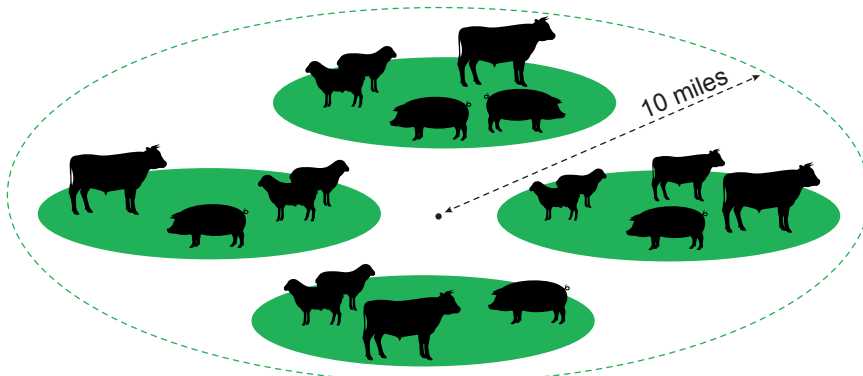




Making livestock movement reporting easier



One CPH number for separate pieces of land located within a 10 mile radius.

One holding

If you keep livestock on land in England you may be able to apply to register all land you use within 10 miles, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, under the same CPH number.

10 miles

- This may be possible for that land within 10 miles of your holding.
- You won't have to record moves in your holding register, nor report them within that single holding.
- Defra will also be simplifying complex movement reporting rules by ending Cattle Tracing System links and Sole Occupancy Authority licences.
- These changes will be rolled out between July 2016 and Summer/Autumn 2017.

Further information

Search GOV.UK for 'Farming' for more information on these changes.

Why are these changes happening?

We've listened to you. These changes have been recommended by the independent Farming Regulation Task Force. They will reduce the movement recording and reporting burden for some keepers. They will improve Government's disease control capability through better livestock location data.

What else is changing?

Ending Sole Occupancy Authorities (SOAs)

These are an APHA approved group of holdings under a keeper's sole management and control. Standstills do not apply when the keeper's animals move between those holdings. Those moves are however still reported. None have been issued in England since 2012. They will be phased out.

Ending Cattle Tracing System (CTS) Links

'CTS links' are separate holdings linked on CTS between which the keeper does not have to report (but needs to record) moves. (Some of these extend well beyond 10 miles). They will be phased out.

Ending batch reporting for sheep keepers' within business moves from 1/1/2018

(1) Sheep (and goat) keepers moving animals between different holdings (CPHs) where they remain in day-to-day care and control of them have been exempt from recording and

reporting individual tag numbers. They report just the total number of animals moved. This exemption will end once we finish rolling out the 10-mile rule. Slaughter tagged animals will still be batch reported.

(2) The exemption from reporting frequent sheep moves between adjacent fields on different holdings will also end.

Keepers will not be affected by the ending of these exemptions where they can record the holdings within the new 10 mile rule.

Planning future ear tag orders

If you end up merging different holdings within the 10 mile rule you may want to adjust the number of tags you order. This may be appropriate if you use different flock/herd marks. (The marks are unique to each holding, and form part of your animals ID numbers on their tags).

What next?

If our records show that:

- you use land that you may be able to merge and/or operate as a single holding (with a single CPH number), and/or
- you will lose a CTS link or SOA

you will be contacted (between June 2016 and July 2017) to explain the changes and your options.

For more information

- Search GOV.UK for 'Farming'
- Defra helpline: 03459 33 55 77