

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2010



Dear Client,

Sole Occupation Authority

Grass Letting Season is well under way. The SOA allows coming and going between the home farm and any parcels of land you own or rent without need for six day standstill or pre-movement TB testing. We check the forms and issue the licences providing DEFRA approve them.

SOA's do not run out but go on from year to year. One common problem is that fields that have a SOA from the previous year cannot be approved until cancelled by previous grazer.

When land parcel and home farm are in different parishes both are subject to testing at the shorter interval. So if one field is in a one or two year parish then whole enterprise has to do pre-movement testing. The answer is to leave the field off your SOA and apply the six day movement rule.

Winter housing can also be SOA linked providing that the cattle are in separate sheds on the rented holding.

Blue Tongue

The results of blood sampling across the UK has show that there was no BTV8 or BTV1 virus last summer. The continued import of cattle from the continent means that the risk from blue tongue is still present. The farms that do import must check that each animal is properly vaccinated (twice) before becoming pregnant and midge treatment carried out during transport. It is safer to bring them in between December and March each winter.

A single dose each twelve months will protect the animal for the full year.

Changing Drugs

In the last month we had notice that some of the old injectable products had lost their licence or extended their withdrawal times. The drugs below are direct replacements but please use the withdrawal times listed below:

Clamoxyl RTU now replaced by Betamox

Milk: 24 hours
Meat: Cattle 18 Days
Sheep 10 Days
Pigs 16 Days

Terramycin LA replaced with Alamycin LA

Milk: 10 days
Meat: Cattle 31 days
Sheep 9 days
Pigs 18 days

Clamoxyl LA now replaced by Betamox LA

Milk: 79 hours
Meat: Cattle 23 days
Sheep 16 days
Pigs 16 days

Bimotrim now replaced by Norodine 24

Milk: 48 hours
Meat: Cattle 12 days
Pigs 20 days

Terramycin Q100 now replaced by Alamycin 100mg/ml

Milk: 84 hours
Meat: Cattle 20 days
Pigs 20 days