

**SOP 14 – Preventing the Introduction of Infectious Diseases from Cattle returning to your facilities from other herds, shows, etc.**

Purpose: Any cattle that are brought back onto the farm may be infected and may or may not show signs of clinical disease. They can therefore be a source of disease.

- Once an animal(s) returns to the farm unload and house them in [redacted] pen away from the main herd.

- Anyone handling returning cattle must wash their hands, change their clothing and clean or change their footwear before working with other animals on the farm.

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- Observe and examine new addition(s) frequently. Monitor new animals for a minimum of [redacted] days to allow for sufficient time for any signs of infection to appear.

- Staff will be trained by [redacted] (i.e. farm manager) to monitor new animals according to the monitoring protocol established for the farm.

- Respond to any abnormalities accordingly.

- Prior to introduction into the home herd conduct the following tests:  
[redacted]  
[redacted].

- Try to prevent contact with manure, bedding, animals and other products from other farms.

- Transport cattle in clean, farm-specific vehicles. Use, if possible, the same area/pen/stall for the duration of an event.

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