

Animal and Plant Health Agency

Notifiable disease occurrence list for Great Britain and Northern Ireland

March 2024

Notifiable Disease	Species Affected	Last Occurred in Great Britain (GB) and Northern Ireland (NI)	Comments
African Horse Sickness	Horses	Never	

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African Swine Fever	Pigs	Never	

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Anthrax	Cattle and other mammals	21/10/2015 in GB 1990 in NI	

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Aujeszky's Disease	Pigs and other mammals	1989 in GB 2009 in NI	

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Avian Influenza (Bird flu)	Poultry	UK Official Freedom from Avian Influenza gained on 03/09/2021 UK Official Freedom from Avian Influenza lost on 26/10/2021	New cases are continuing to be confirmed across GB and NI. Details of active restricted zones in GB can be found on GOV.UK: APHA Interactive Avian Influenza Disease Map (arcgis.com) Instructions for Official Veterinarians (OVs) obtaining their own clearance from AI for EU certificates, where permitted in the Notes For Guidance (NFG) can be found on the Vet Gateway in APHA Briefing Note 55/21: Certifying Officers to Obtain Avian Influenza (defra.gov.uk) and in Export Health Certificates Online: Export Health Certificates Online (defra.gov.uk)
Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy	Cattle	Present in GB Last case in NI in 2012 Last case in England in 2021	Status: England, Scotland* and Wales - Controlled BSE risk (*from 18/08/2018) Northern Ireland - Negligible BSE risk
Bluetongue	All ruminants and camelids	1 st case 03/08/2007, GB Restricted Zone lifted 05/07/2011 Never occurred in NI New case confirmed 11/11/2023 in England, UK freedom lost from this date	
Brucellosis (Brucella abortus)	Cattle	2004 in GB 2012 in NI	

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Brucellosis (Brucella melitensis)	Sheep and goats	1956 in GB Never occurred in NI	
Classical Swine Fever	Pigs	2000 in GB 1958 in NI	
Contagious agalactia	Sheep and goats	Never	
Contagious Bovine Pleuro-pneumonia	Cattle	1898 in GB 1893 in NI	
Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia – CCPP (Mycoplasma capricolum subsp. Capripneumoniae)	Goats, sheep, and wild ruminants	Never	
Contagious Epididymitis (Brucella ovis)	Sheep and goats	Never	
Contagious Equine Metritis	Horses	03/04/2020 in GB 1984 in NI 09/06/2021 in GB 03/02/2022 in GB 08/07/2022 in GB	2021 – Devon 2021 - Gloucestershire 2022 - Nottinghamshire
Chronic Wasting Disease	Deer	Never	
Dourine	Horses	Never	
Ebola Virus	Primates	Recorded in GB 2014 and 2015 - human case in healthcare worker after returning from Sierra Leone (never recorded in N. Ireland).	
Enzootic Bovine Leukosis	Cattle	1996 in GB Never occurred in NI	
Epizootic Haemorrhagic Disease	Cattle, sheep, deer and other ruminants	Never	

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Epizootic Lymphangitis	Horses	1906 in GB Never occurred in NI	
Equine Infectious Anaemia	Horses	18/10/2012 in GB 2006 in NI	
Equine Viral Arteritis	Horses	04/10/2012, 04/04/2019, 10/05/2019, cases in GB in 2020 and 2021 with non-negative serology which have so far not been negated, clearance therefore cannot be provided for GB Confirmed case 1995 in NI	
Equine Viral Encephalomyelitis (all types, including Eastern equine encephalitis, Western equine encephalitis, Venezuelan equine encephalitis, Japanese encephalitis)	Horses	Never	

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European Bat Lyssavirus (EBLV)	Bats	26/08/2023 in GB Never occurred in NI	+ve cases: EBVL2: 16/08/2016, 02/09/2016, 18/09/2017, 01/06/2018, 20/07/2018, 01/08/2018, 12/10/2018, 26/08/2021, 28/09/2021, 13/06/2022 EBVL1: 09/10/2018, 19/10/2018, 25/05/2019, 15/09/2020, 13/09/2021, 30/09/2021, 24/05/2022, 07/06/2022, 13/06/2022, 08/07/2022, 07/08/2022, 02/09/2022, 06/09/2022 (x2), 27/10/2022, 19/01/2023, 12/02/2023, 31/05/2023, 11/06/2023, 16/06/2023, 14/08/2023, 21/08/2023, 26/08/2023, 02/09/2023, 07/09/2023, 12/09/2023, 20/09/2023
Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)	Cattle, sheep, pigs and other cloven hoofed animals	2007 in GB 2001 in NI	Status: FMD free country where vaccination is not practiced
Glanders and Farcy	Horses	1928 in GB 1910 in NI	
Goat Pox	Goats	Never in GB 1850 in NI	
Lumpy Skin Disease	Cattle	Never	
Newcastle Disease	Poultry	2006 in GB 1997 in NI	
Paramyxovirus of pigeons	Pigeons	Present	
Pest des Petits Ruminants	Sheep and goats	Never	

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Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (Notifiable in England* and Scotland** only) (not notifiable in Wales or Northern Ireland)	Pigs	*Not recorded in England since being classified as notifiable on 17/12/2015 **Not recorded in Scotland since being classified as notifiable on 02/03/2016	Please consult with APHA if any clearance is required for this disease for England or Scotland. **Cases in Scotland are notified to Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) via their Scottish Pig Disease Control Centre (SPDCC) on 01466 705247
Rabies (Classical)	Dogs and other mammals	1970 in GB 1923 in NI	
Rift Valley Fever	Cattle, sheep and goats	Never	
Rinderpest (Cattle plague)	Cattle	1877 in GB 1900 in NI	
Scrapie (on Defra's BSE website)	Sheep and goats	Present	
Sheep Pox	Sheep	1866 in GB 1850 in NI	
Surra (<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>)	Camelids	Never recorded in Equines. Last recorded in imported camelids in GB 1970-1979, exact date unknown	Not currently notifiable in NI. Refer to UK Status for Non Notifiable Diseases Relevant to Export Certification (ET152)
Swine Vesicular Disease	Pigs	1982 in GB Never occurred in NI	
Teschen Disease (Porcine)	Pigs	Never	
Tuberculosis (Bovine TB)	Cattle and deer	Present	
Vesicular Stomatitis	Cattle, pigs and horses	Never	
Warble Fly	Cattle, (also deer and horses)	1990 in GB 1996 in NI	

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West Nile Virus	Horses	Never	



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