

Notifiable Diseases (UK)
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (UK)

A notifiable disease is a disease named either in Section 88 of the Animal Health Act 1981 or in an Order made under that Act.

Section 15(1) of the Act says that:

"any person having in their possession or under their charge an animal affected or suspected of having one of these diseases must, with all practicable speed, notify that fact to a police constable."

This is the strict interpretation of the Act. It is possible, however, to contact DEFRA directly, to achieve the same ends:

(<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/animal-health-offices.htm>)

The list of diseases classed as 'notifiable', at the time of writing, is shown below.

See also: [Zoonoses](#)

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Disease	Affected Species	Date last seen in UK
African Horse Sickness	Horses	Never

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African Swine Fever	Pigs	Never
Anthrax	Cattle and other mammals	Present
Aujeszky's Disease	Pigs and other mammals	1989
Avian Influenza	Poultry	Present
Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)	Cattle	Present
Bluetongue	Sheep and Goats	Never
Brucellosis (<i>Brucella abortus</i>)	Cattle	2004
Brucellosis (<i>Brucella melitensis</i>)	Sheep and Goats	1956
Classical Swine Fever	Pigs	2000
Contagious Agalactia	Sheep and Goats	Never
Contagious Bovine Pleuro-pneumonia	Cattle	1898
Contagious Epididymitis (<i>Brucella ovis</i>)	Sheep and Goats	Never
Contagious Equine Metritis	Horses	2006
Dourine	Horses	Never
Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (EBL)	Cattle	1996
Epizootic Haemorrhagic Virus Disease	Deer	Never
Epizootic Lymphangitis	Horses	1906

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Equine Viral Arteritis	Horses	2004
Equine Viral Encephalomyelitis	Horses	Never
Equine Infectious Anaemia	Horses	1976
Foot and Mouth Disease	Cattle, Sheep, Pigs and other cloven-hoofed species	2001
Glanders and Farcy	Horses	1928
Goat Pox	Goats	Never
Lumpy Skin Disease	Cattle	Never
Newcastle Disease	Poultry	2006
Paramyxovirus of pigeons	Pigeons	Present
Pest des Petits Ruminants	Sheep and Goats	Never
Rabies	Dogs and other mammals	2006
Rift Valley Fever	Cattle, Sheep and Goats	Never
Rinderpest	Cattle	1877
Scrapie	Sheep and Goats	Present
Sheep pox	Sheep	1866
Swine Vesicular Disease	Pigs	1982
Teschen Disease	Pigs	Never

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Tuberculosis (Bovine TB)	Cattle and Deer	Present
Vesicular Stomatitis	Cattle, Pigs and Horses	Never
Warble fly	Cattle, (also Deer and Horses)	1990
West Nile Virus	Horses	Never

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