

Cattle Passport Changes

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As of Yesterday the number of movement cards in cattle passports will be reduced from nine to five, the passports are due to arrive from Wednesday onwards. The decision to reduce the number has been made following consultation with industry. In 2009 only 25% of movements were reported by movement cards and most passports returned following the death of an animal have several unused cards in them.

At the end of March The British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) will be send new movement card envelopes to customers who have sent movement cards in the last 12 months. The movement envelopes now have the address of an external subcontracted company which will streamline the processing of movement cards.