

Action Note 2024/04/02: Chapter 6: Wild Deer TB sampling

Purpose

This Action Note is to inform all Authorised Officers (AOs) of the new form for tuberculosis (TB) sampling for **wild deer** that APHA has developed and that can be found at **Annex I** of this action note.

Procedure

OVs to use this template when suspect TB lesions are found in **wild deer** during PMI at Approved Game Handlind Establishments.

Please note that the reporting instructions remain the same.

The completed form must be emailed to the email address specified in the form. The address for the laboratory is also provided in the form, unless otherwise instructed by the APHA TB officer.

Please note that the rest of TB sampling procedures remain the same as per SMOC chapter 6 instructions.

Field Staff are required to:

- Note the contents of the Action Note, plant attending OVs to ensure that the Action Note is read by all FSS staff and this is noted in the Action/Information Log.
- Print a copy for the plant file together with an Action/Information Log.
- **Use this form from publication for any TB suspicion in wild deer.**
- **OVs to ensure TB sampling kits are available in AGHEs. These should be ordered as per SMOC chapter 6 instructions.**

This Action Note will be:

- Uploaded to the Action Note Live Folder and Operation tracker log on SharePoint.
- Forwarded to Website mailbox (websiteteam@fss.scot) for publication on our website.

The Action Note will remain live until either incorporated in the SMOC, or revoked.

Copies of the live and revoked Action Notes can be found on [SharePoint](#).

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Annex I



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