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# Notification of Births and Deaths of Bovine Animals

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# Breed Codes

**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT WRITE DETAILS ANY OTHER WAY.**

## The following Codes should be used.

The list is complete for Northern Ireland at present and will be revised by the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development as necessary. However, if you require to record a breed not on the list, enter the name of the breed in full for the attention of the DVO. In the case of crossbreeds record only the dominant breed.

BREED TYPE	BREED CODE	BREED TYPE	BREED CODE	Colour
Aberdeen Angus	AA	Lincoln Red	LNR	Black B Blue BL Brindle BR Dun D (includes Yellow, Fawn, Cream, Light Brown, etc.) Red R Roan RN White W Black & White BW Blue & White BLW Dun & White DW Red & White RW  <b>All colour types are covered - do not use any variations. Colour dominance is not important e.g. white and black = BW. Please note brown is not a colour to be used, depending on the intensity of the colour Red (R) or Dun (D) should be used.</b>
Aubrac	AU	Luing	LUI	
Ayrshire	AYR	Maine Anjou	MAJ	
Bazadais	BAZ	Marchigiana	MAR	
Belgian Blue	BB	Meuse Rhine Yssel	MRI	
Belted Galloway	BGA	Montbeliarde	MB	
Bison	BI	Murray Grey	MG	
Blonde D'Aquataine	DAQ	Normande	NOR	
Blue Albion	BAL	Norweigan Red	NR	
Braunbieh	BRA	Parthenais	PAR	
British White	BW	Piemontese	PIE	
Canadian Black	CAN	Pinzgauer	PIN	
Charolais	CH	Red Pole	RPL	
Chianina	CHI	Romagnola	ROM	
Chillingham	CHL	Rotbunt	ROT	
Danish Red	DR	Salers	SAL	
Devon	DEV	Shetland	STL	
Dexter	DEX	Shorthorn	SH	
Friesian	FR	Shorthorn Beef	SHB	
Galloway	GAL	Shorthorn Dairy	SHD	
Gasconne	GAS	Simmental	SIM	
Gelbvieh	GE	South Devon	SD	
Gloucester	GLO	Stabiliser	ST	
Guernsey	GU	Sussex	SU	
Hereford	HER	Swedish Red	SWR	
Highland	HI	Swiss Brown	SBR	
Holstein	HOL	Tyrone Black	TYB	
Irish Moile	IM	Vaynol	VA	
Jersey	JER	Water Buffalo	BU	
Kerry	KE	Welsh Black	WB	
Longhorn	LH	White Galloway	WG	
Limousin	LIM	White Park	WP	

### Class/Sex

Female F                      Bull B                      Male M  
 Males (i.e. steers and bull calves) should be recorded as M unless a bull calf is intended for breeding purposes in which case B should be used. All bulls over 6 months of age should be recorded as B.

### Date of Birth details

1. The exact date of birth must be entered for animals born in the herd.

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# Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

## NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS OF BOVINE ANIMALS

MC1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Herd No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the Cattle Identification (Notification of Births, Deaths and Movements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 I hereby notify the Department that the following animals have been born into my herd and/or have died in my herd. **Note:-** Calves must be identified (tagged): (a) within **36 hours of birth** in the case of a dairy herd (b) within **20 days of birth** in herds other than dairy herds and before movement off premises.

Section A: BIRTHS					Births must be notified to the Department within <b>27 days of birth</b> or <b>before movement</b> , whichever is the earlier.										
Identification Number (Ear Tag)					Colour	Breed	Sex	Date of Birth D/M/Y	Dam's Official Identification Number (Ear Tag)					Breed of Sire*	Identification Number of Sire (if known)*
U K 9															
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\* Not compulsory

Section B: DEATHS					Deaths - Death of cattle in the herd must be notified to the Department within <b>7 days</b> of the death of the animal.				
Identification Number (Ear Tag)	Colour	Breed	Sex	Date of Death D/M/Y	Manner and Place of disposal of carcass				

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Herd Keeper)**  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes for Guidance - MC1

### Cattle Identification (Notification of Births, Deaths and Movements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999.

In accordance with the above Regulations you are required to notify the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD) of details of all births and deaths of animals in your herd.

*(The information you are required to provide may be revised and DARD will notify you as necessary.)*

#### BIRTH OF AN ANIMAL:

- All calves should be identified with an all-numeric approved plastic tag in each ear:
  - within **36 hours** of **birth** in the case of a dairy herd and;
  - within **20 days** of **birth** in herds other than dairy herds.
- Births must be notified to the Department within 27 days of birth** or before movement, whichever is the earlier by completing a MC1 and submitting the completed MC1 to your local Divisional Veterinary Office, or by going on line using the Rural Portal at [www.ruralni.gov.uk](http://www.ruralni.gov.uk)
- Births not notified to DARD within 27 days from the date of birth will be subject to a NNO status (No Notification of Birth) being applied. This status restricts the movement of an animal, may affect its eligibility for slaughter and affect subsidy payments.

To notify births: • Complete **Section A** (Births) of the MC1 as follows:

Section A: BIRTHS										Births must be notified to the Department within 27 days of birth or before movement, whichever is the earlier.																																						
Identification Number (Ear Tag)					Colour	Breed	Sex	Date of Birth D/M/Y			Dam's Official Identification Number (Ear Tag)					Breed of Sire*	Identification Number of Sire (if known)*																															
U	K	9	6	3	3	4	2	6	3	0	4	6	5	BW	FR	M	17	11	03	U	K	9	6	3	3	4	2	6	5	6	2	7	1	HOL	U	K	9	6	3	3	4	2	6	4	3	4	6	2

- » Send top copy (white) to your local Divisional Veterinary Office.
- » Retain second copy (yellow) for your own records.

\* Not compulsory

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## STILLBORNS:

- If a calf is born stillborn or dies prior to the prescribed period for identification, there is no need to identify (tag) the animal.
- Stillborns must be notified to the Department for disease control purposes by completing a MC1 and submitting the completed MC1 to your local Divisional Veterinary Office, or by going on line using the Rural Portal at [www.ruralni.gov.uk](http://www.ruralni.gov.uk). In these cases, the DAM may be tested for Brucellosis.

To notify stillborns: • Complete **Section A** of the MC1 as follows:

Section A: BIRTHS				Stillborns must be notified to the Department within 27 days of birth.																																																		
Identification Number (Ear Tag)				Colour	Breed	Sex	Date of Birth D/M/Y				Dam's Official Identification Number (Ear Tag)				Breed of Sire*	Identification Number of Sire (if known)*																																						
U	K	9	S	T	I	L	L	B	O	R	N			R	L	I	M	1	7	1	1	0	3	U	K	9	6	3	3	4	2	6	4	5	2	3	2	L	I	M	U	K	9	6	3	3	4	2	6	4	3	4	7	2

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## DEATH OF AN ANIMAL:

- Death of cattle in the herd must be notified to the Department within **7 days** of the **death** of an animal by completing a MC1 and submitting the completed MC1 to your local Divisional Veterinary Office, or by going on line using the Rural Portal at [www.ruralni.gov.uk](http://www.ruralni.gov.uk). (N.B. Also within 24 hours for animals over 24 months by telephone to an approved agent)
- The manner and place of disposal of the animal carcass should be one of the following:- official disposal agency, rendering premises or veterinary laboratory.

To notify deaths: • Complete **Section B** (Deaths) of the MC1 as follows:

Section B: DEATHS				Deaths - Death of cattle in the herd must be notified to the Department within 7 days of the death of the animal.																				
Identification Number (Ear Tag)		Colour	Breed	Sex	Date of Death D/M/Y		Manner and Place of disposal of carcass																	
U	K	9	6	3	3	4	2	6	4	4	9	2	B	L	I	M	F	1	7	1	1	0	3	Official disposal agency

- » Send top copy (white) to your local Divisional Veterinary Office.
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**Note:** Herd keepers are not required to notify deaths of animals in the following circumstances:

- cattle that are going to slaughter at an approved abattoir;
- cattle over 30 months of age which are going to an officially approved rendering plant. These animals should be accompanied with a certificate (OTM22) authorised by a (private) Veterinary Practitioner.

An MC1 should be used in all other cases.

**If you require any further information contact your local Divisional Veterinary Office.**

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## RE-ORDER FORM FOR A BOOK OF NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS OF BOVINE ANIMALS (MC1)

You have now reached the end of this booklet and only 6 MC1's remain to be used.

Please return or deliver this page to your local Divisional Veterinary Office

Herd keepers should complete the form below:

I hereby apply for a book of Notification of Births and Deaths of Bovine Animals (MC1)

Signature of keeper: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Herd No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (BLOCK CAPITALS) \_\_\_\_\_

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