

Licences issued in 2020 to use a cage trap to capture a badger, mark a badger and kill/take badgers to prevent the spread of disease

As part of the strengthened TB Eradication Programme, licences to mark, trap and take badgers have been issued to prevent the spread of disease on farms which have a TB chronic breakdown herd. Only those badgers caught which are TB test positive are humanely killed.

Licences were issued to seven holdings as part of the programme. The seven holdings were in areas of high risk in relation to TB, covering a total land area of approximately 1,487 hectares.

The licencing periods for the issued licences were as follows:-

- 1. The first licence was between 1 June 2020 and 31 December 2020.
- 2. The second licence was between 8 June 2020 and 31 December 2020.
- 3. The third licence was between 22 June 2020 and 31 December 2020.
- 4. The fourth licence was between 6 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.
- 5. The fifth licence was between 20 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.
- 6. The sixth licence was between 20 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.
- 7. The seventh licence was between 31 August 2020 and 31 December 2020.