


PREMIUM CATTLE HEALTH SCHEME – ADDED ANIMAL PROCEDURES

For **Johne's** and **L. hardjo** particularly it should be noted that negative laboratory test results do not necessarily mean an individual animal is uninfected.

- (1) **Non accredited cattle added animal procedure:** Retain and test in quarantine all non-accredited cattle added to the herd until they are shown not to be a *reactor*, as detailed below.
- (2) **Contact of health scheme cattle with non-accredited cattle (e.g. at shows or accidental):** The procedures in (1) above should be adopted for **BVD, IBR and L. hardjo** health scheme cattle. For cattle in the **Johne's** scheme quarantine and testing for **Johne's disease** may not be necessary but veterinary advice must be sought specific to the herds individual circumstances.

	BVD	IBR	Johne's Disease	Lepto. hardjo
Minimum Quarantine Period	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 months (negative faecal culture results take up to 4 months)	4 weeks
On Arrival	Blood sample (hep.) for antibody & virus	**	Blood sample (serum / hep.) for antibody & faecal culture	**
28 Days Or More After Arrival	Blood sample (hep.) for antibody & virus (>21 days after 1st sample)	Blood sample (serum / hep.) for antibody		Blood sample (serum / hep.) for antibody
Annually After Joining The Herd (optional for animals under (2) above)		Blood sample (serum / hep.) for antibody	Blood sample (serum/hep.) for antibody & faecal culture	
Definition of A Reactor	One or more of: 1) virus positive* 2) rise in antibody between tests* 3) antibody positive & pregnant.*	Antibody positive [▲]	Antibody or faecal culture positive. [▲]	Antibody positive [▲]

 No action required

** There is the option to additionally test animals for antibody to IBR and L. hardjo on arrival to allow exclusion of antibody positive animals at an early stage. If animals test antibody negative on arrival they still require to be tested after 4 weeks in quarantine

▲ Animal must not enter the herd (in calves where the antibody could be maternal in origin veterinary advice should be sought).

* Take veterinary advice as to how to proceed