

Scottish Standard Cattle Health Declaration

Guidance Notes

- **Bulling heifers for sale must have been tested free of BVD virus and the vaccination against BVD completed at least one to four weeks prior to sale depending on the vaccine used to allow immunity to develop (see below).**
- **In-calf heifers for sale must have been tested free of BVD virus and the vaccination against BVD completed at least one to four weeks prior to the earliest breeding date depending on the vaccine used to allow immunity to develop (see below).**
- **Cows with calf at foot must have been tested free of BVD virus (both cow and calf) before being presented for sale. Cows alone should have been vaccinated against BVD.**
- **Service sires must be tested free of BVD virus and the vaccinations against BVD completed at least one to four weeks prior to the earliest breeding date according to the vaccine used to allow immunity to develop (see below)**
- **Herds that are already certified CHeCS BVD Accredited Free or Vaccinated Monitored Free do not require individual animal tests for BVD virus to be carried out.**
- **Individual animals for sale from CHeCS BVD Accredited Free herds must be vaccinated.**

BVD Vaccines and onset of protection

This information is drawn from the NOAH compendium of data sheets. It remains the responsibility of your veterinary practitioner to advise on the use of these products taking into consideration any change in information that the vaccine manufacturers may have released.

Bovilis BVD: For best protection against the generation of a BVD virus positive calf the course of vaccination should be completed at least four weeks before the earliest service (or sale) date. Service should not take place longer than six months after completion of the primary course without a booster having been given. Otherwise annual boosters are required.

Bovidec: For best protection against the generation of a BVD virus positive calf the primary course of the vaccine should be completed at least one week prior to the earliest service (or sale) date. Annual boosters are required

Pregsure BVD: For best protection against the generation of a BVD virus positive calf the primary course of the vaccine should be completed at least two weeks prior to the earliest service (or sale) date. Annual boosters are required.

Note : The Virus Free and Vaccinated Standard (VFV) is an assurance standard which minimises the risk of BVD being introduced to a herd and reduces the impact of the disease.



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