



# 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).**
- **For cows/heifers to be sold with calf at foot the calf must be tested free of BVD virus before being presented for sale. If the dam is not the genetic mother of the calf, both the calf and the dam should be tested free of BVD virus. Dams alone must have been vaccinated against BVD according to the data sheet instructions (see below).**
- **Service sires used must be tested free from BVD virus or from a herd that is either CHeCS BVD accredited free or CHeCS BVD vaccinated and monitored free, 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 CHeCS BVD 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

**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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