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Bovine Export Health Certificates 8446 and 8447: Extension of transitional period for BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea) requirements.

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Purpose

To notify OV's that the Republic of Ireland has granted an extension to transitional agreement permitting the use of the BVD supplementary certificate with EHCs 8446 and 8447, until 28 February 2023. This will permit the continued export of cattle vaccinated against BVD to the Republic of Ireland from GB until 28 February 2023.

This Briefing Note supersedes Briefing Note 55/22

Background

A transitional agreement was in place with the Republic of Ireland to allow the continued export of cattle that have been vaccinated against BVD until 1 January 2023.

An extension to the transitional agreement has been granted by the Republic of Ireland, allowing the continued use of the supplementary certificate until 28 February 2023. This means animal(s) arriving in the Republic of Ireland on or after 01 March 2023 must not be certified under the BVD supplementary certificate.

Action

1. From 01 March 2023, animals being exported to the Republic of Ireland must comply with the antigen testing requirements detailed in the 'or' option of the BVD attestation (II.12.13 in EHC 8446 and II.12.14 IN EHC 8447), as well as either the serological testing or quarantine requirements outlined in the sub-options. The animals must not be vaccinated against BVD. The Certifying OV must check there is no record or evidence of vaccination.
2. OVs can continue to certify export of animals that have been vaccinated against BVD until 28 February 2023, when the Republic of Ireland expects to achieve BVD free status, after which the following requirements will apply

Until 28 February:

3. Animals **not** vaccinated against BVD shall be certified with the BVD attestations outlined in II.2.13 and II.2.14 of the EHCs 8446 and 8447 respectively.
 - The animals to be exported must not be vaccinated against BVD virus; AND
 - The animals must be tested negative to BVD virus antigen or genome; AND
 - The animals must also meet one of the following criteria:
 - Fulfilled a 21-day Quarantine in the holding of origin; OR
 - The animals were subjected to a serological test for the detection of antibodies to BVD virus with positive results.
 - If the animals are pregnant, they must meet the vaccination and antigen/genome testing requirements (above) AND:
 - The cows must have fulfilled a 21-day Quarantine and be subjected to a serological test for the detection of antibodies to BVD virus with negative results on samples taken not less than 21 days after Quarantine commenced: OR
 - The cows must be subjected to a serological test with positive results for the detection of antibodies to BVD virus carried out on samples taken before insemination preceding the current gestation.
 - The EU approved test methods listed in Annex I to Regulation [2020/688](#) must be used when testing is required. The list includes serological tests such as, I-ELISA

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and B-ELISA, and antigen tests such as, RT-PCR and BVDV antigen detection ELISA.

4. In the case of animals vaccinated but no longer within the validity period of the vaccine, the BVD attestations outlined in the EHC should be certified. Because the validity period of the vaccine has elapsed, it is acceptable to certify that the animal as 'not vaccinated' **solely in the case of export to the Republic of Ireland for the duration of the transitional arrangement**. The other requirements outlined above must be met.
5. BVD **vaccinated** animals that are within the vaccine validity period shall be certified by deleting the BVD attestation (II.2.13 in [EHC 8446](#) or II.2.14. in [EHC 8447](#)) and completing the supplementary certificate available with the EHCs on EHC Form Finder. This supplementary certificate requires detail of the vaccination of the animals, confirmation that pregnant animals have been vaccinated prior to mating or artificial insemination and confirmation that the animals have been subject to antigen/genome testing within 30 days prior to export with a negative result.
6. The Notes for Guidance for EHCs 8446 and 8447 have been updated to reflect the above and to provide guidance upon the form of evidence a vet may place reliance upon to certify the vaccination status of an animal.

Further information

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