



Application for Approval to Undertake Private TB Interferon Gamma Testing of Cattle in England

Please read the guidance on packaging of blood samples for interferon-gamma testing on the Sample Submission Form (PRIV01) before seeking approval and arranging to collect the samples. **All submissions will be temperature checked upon arrival at the laboratory and any falling outside of the limits recommended by the manufacturer (within the range 22+/- 5°C) will be rejected (not tested).** Further information, including testing costs can be found at <http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/ifng-testing/index.htm>

Case PVS or Other Contact Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Veterinary Practice:	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Herd Owner/Keeper's Name:	<input type="text"/>	CPHH	<input type="text"/>
Address of animals at time of sampling:	<input type="text"/>		
	Postcode: <input type="text"/>		

Approval for private testing will not be given for:

- cattle from TB-restricted (breakdown) herds undergoing government-funded interferon gamma (IFNg) testing
- skin test-positive (reactor) and other cattle awaiting slaughter for TB control purposes
- herds that are under movement restrictions for overdue tuberculin skin tests
- cattle under six months of age.

Section A - Please complete for all applications

Proposed date of sampling	<input type="text"/>	Number of animals to be sampled	<input type="text"/>	
Are any animals to be tested skin test-positive and awaiting slaughter?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are any animals to be tested from TB-restricted (breakdown) herds and due to have a government-funded IFNg test?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all animals to be sampled over six months old?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the cattle being tested Resolved Inconclusive Reactors (IRs)? If yes, please go to Section C.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section B - This section applies for all cattle apart from Resolved IRs (for Resolved IRs see Section C).

Reason for Test:

High Specificity Test (PRV-SP) (tick if appropriate)

For cattle from **Officially Tuberculosis Free (OTF) herds** only. May be used as a supplementary test for additional assurances as to the TB-free status of animals (e.g. for movement/sales, testing of Inconclusive Reactors (IRs) pending retest (including those in restricted non-breakdown herds subject to the three year rule) and additional surveillance following negative routine testing).

High Sensitivity Test (PRV-SE) (tick if appropriate)

Skin test-negative cattle in **TB-restricted (breakdown) herds** that do not qualify for a government-funded IFNg test.

Section C - For Resolved IRs only

Please list Official Animal Identifiers below:

Official Animal Identifier	D.O.B

Type of test required:

High Specificity Test (PRV-SP) (tick if appropriate)
Resolved IRs in **Officially Tuberculosis Free (OTF)** herds

High Sensitivity Test (PRV-SE) (tick if appropriate)
Resolved IRs in **TB-restricted (breakdown)** herds

Email this form to APHA TB Customer Service Centre (CSC), TB.Advice@apha.gov.uk and allow five working days for the application to be considered.

The results of a private IFNg test may affect the official TB status of the holding of origin and require statutory restrictions to be imposed. Farmers should be made aware that animals giving a positive result to the IFNg test are likely to be compulsory slaughtered with statutory compensation paid and the herd placed under movement restrictions. Some low risk animals giving a positive IFNg result may be retested at government discretion and expense.

For APHA use only

Application approved: Application denied: Date:

Application reviewed by: MRCVS (delete if not applicable)

Reason for denied approval:

If this application is for Resolved IRs **only** it can be reviewed by a member of the APHA TB CSC and does not require review by a MRCVS.

Following review by APHA this form must be emailed back to the address given by the submitter above and copied to the testing laboratory - gammatest.newcastle@apha.gov.uk

DATA PROTECTION

For information on how we handle personal data please go to www.gov.uk and search Animal and Plant Health Agency Personal Information Charter.

In addition to considering approval of private IFNg testing, we may also use the data provided and the results produced for other purposes. Please see the data protection statement in our Price List or on our website www.gov.uk/apha

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.