

# BVD Eradication Programme

## Show Guidance 2024



The NI BVD Programme is aiming to eradicate the BVD virus, which is highly contagious and causes significant financial losses for farmers. BVD is a notifiable disease which can be transmitted directly or indirectly (ie on clothing or equipment) between infected animals. BVD infected animals form a substantial risk to cattle with which they may come into contact. Good biosecurity practices at Agricultural Shows can reduce the risk of transmission on Show premises.

### Movement Controls

**Please note that individual Shows may require additional BVD testing assurances, particularly if cattle from the ROI are being exhibited.**

**AHWNI requests that cattle should not be moved from any herd that has had BVD infection until three weeks have elapsed since the last positive was disclosed.**

- For cattle born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, only those animals with a negative BVD status on NIFAIS can be moved into a Show herd. (Calves under 30 days of age are exempt.)
- For cattle born before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, animals with an NIFAIS status of BVDP (positive), BVDI (inconclusive), DAMPI (dam of a positive animal) or OFFPI (offspring of a positive animal) cannot be moved into a Show herd.
- For imported animals born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and resident in a NI herd, a BVDN status is required before the animal can be moved into a Show herd. Statuses can only be obtained where samples have been tested in laboratories approved under the NI scheme. AHWNI can attempt to obtain BVD statuses for animals that have been imported from the ROI, so owners of any such animals should contact AHWNI, allowing time for a test to be carried out should a BVD Negative result not be available. Legislation requires a valid BVD test to be completed within 20 days of the import date.
- Imported animals, not resident in a NI herd and moving directly to a Show, should be tested virus negative or should be the dam of a virus-negative calf. Show Operators may ask for evidence of the relevant virus-negative test result or proof that the animal concerned is the dam of a virus-negative calf.

*In summary, only those animals with a BVD status of BVDN, INDNEG (indirect negative) or 'blank' (no BVD status on NIFAIS, ie born before the start of the compulsory scheme) can move into the Show Herd. Any animal with a NIFAIS status of BVDP, BVDI, DAMPI, OFFPI or BVDU (unknown) status cannot be moved into the Show herd.*

### Proof of BVD Negative status

Farmers can access the AHWNI database ([www.animalhealthni.com](http://www.animalhealthni.com)), using their government gateway ID and password, for BVD test results and to print certificates of BVD negative test results. BVD statuses are also available on NIFAIS online and on NIFAIS herd lists.