



**Ref: BVDTs1**

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Dear Sir / Madam

**The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Eradication Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 – Approval of Tags (Tag Supplier)**

The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Eradication Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 came into operation on 1 March 2016. The Scheme aims to control and ultimately eradicate Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) in Northern Ireland and places legal requirements on herd keepers relating to the compulsory 'tag and testing' of bovines. As a result of this, approval from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is required for any tissue sample-enabled tags used for the purposes of the Scheme. This approval is in addition to any previous approvals received under the Cattle Identification (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998.

If you wish to apply for approval to supply tags under the Scheme, you will need to complete Application Form BVDTs1A (enclosed). I have also attached a copy of the DAERA Guidance Note 'Criteria for the Approval of BVD Tissue Sample-enabled Tags'.

The completed application form, along with supporting documentation (as required), should be returned to me at the above address. **It is important to note that tag suppliers will require DAERA approval for any tags supplied for use under the NI BVD Eradication Scheme from 1 March 2016.**

If you have any queries in relation to the above, you are invited to email your query to me at the following email address: [siobhan.kelly@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:siobhan.kelly@daera-ni.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

**Siobhan Kelly**  
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1. Application Form BVDTs1A – for the approval of tissue sample-enabled tags (tag suppliers)
2. DAERA Guidance Note BVDTs1A - Criteria for the Approval of BVD Tissue Sample-enabled Tags