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## **BVD testing of cattle to be imported to NI from GB**

In order to comply with the NI BVD Programme, cattle born in England, Scotland or Wales that are being imported to NI must be tested for **virus antigen** by a **DAERA-approved laboratory**, either before arrival in NI or within 20 days of arrival. Herd owners must arrange and pay for the testing, which is also required to be carried out before the cattle are moved from the destination herd in NI.

The lists of approved laboratories are available at the following links:

[20200709 BVDLABDES compulsory v2 2 new.pdf \(animalhealthni.com\)](#)

[20180831 list of Lab approvals from other jurisdictions SV\[7921\].pdf \(animalhealthni.com\)](#)

Please consult with your veterinary surgeon if you wish testing to comply with the requirements of multiple BVD Programmes, so that the correct test types can be selected, the correct samples taken, and laboratories can be made aware of your particular testing needs.

New DAERA rules mean that all cattle moving from GB to NI for breeding and production purposes need to be re-tagged by the receiving NI keeper. It is therefore recommended that BVD sample tags are used for re-tagging GB imported animals in cases where the animal does not have a valid BVD test result for the NI Programme.

If you have further queries, please contact the AHWNI helpdesk on:  
028 7963 9333/ [info@animalhealthni.com](mailto:info@animalhealthni.com).