



CHeCS PROGRAMME TEMPLATES FOR HEALTH PLANS

Herds participating in the CHeCS accreditation programmes must be abiding by the rules of the scheme, as given in the CHeCS technical document, accessible on the CHeCS website: <http://www.checs.co.uk>. The general section should be completed by all herds using this plan. Thereafter, the appropriate disease-related sections should be used. Completion of health plan is compulsory for the Neospora and Johne's schemes. These templates provide an outline of the basic rules of CHeCS and more detail is required for a completed health plan.

Farmer name and farm :
Holding number :

Veterinary surgeon :
Veterinary practice :

1. CHeCS BVD Programme

Mandatory Elements for Accredited / VMF Herds
1.1 Has annual testing (check test of each management group or calf virus test) been undertaken?
1.2 Is the breeding herd vaccinated against BVD? Optional for accredited free, mandatory for VMF herds.
1.3 Have all added & returning animals been isolated and tested appropriately? The calves born to seropositive pregnant added animals must be screened for BVD virus.
1.4 Has there been any abortion, or clinical disease where BVD was suspected? If so, has this been investigated appropriately?

2. CHeCS Programme General

Mandatory Elements for Accredited Herds

2.1 Herd definition – are all cattle on the holding in the accredited herd?

If not, a description of herd management is required to document how the biosecurity rules of the scheme are met.

2.2 Farm boundaries – is there any contact with non-accredited cattle?

2.3 Quarantine facilities

Suitable facilities are required to allow the isolation of added/other stock whilst testing is carried out. All added/returning animals that have had contact with non-accredited cattle must be isolated and tested appropriately.

2.4 Feed, bedding & water supplies – what methods are employed to prevent the spread of disease through these sources?

N.B. Buying in colostrum from non-accredited sources is not allowed.

2.5 Equipment & visitors - what methods are employed to prevent the spread of disease through these sources?

N.B. Disinfection against Johne's disease requires use of a product suitable for bTB; see <http://disinfectants.defra.gov.uk>

2.6 Relevant test results & disease

All testing or disease over the last 12 months relevant to accredited diseases must be documented and reviewed.