



# **CONSULTATION DELIVERING LIFETIME ASSURED BEEF**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 1 – CATTLE REARING REGISTER

*NB. THIS IS NOT THE FINAL DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE ISSUED. It will be professionally designed and formatted so it is easy to read and complete. This is purely the text which will be included.*

### CATTLE REARING REGISTER – REGISTRATION FORM (DRAFT)

Registration Details	Title	Forename	Surname
	Business Name	Contact Address	
		Postcode CPH Herd Number/Flock Number	
	Farm Addresses & CPH's (if different/additional to above)		
	Telephone	Email	
People	Name(s) of stockpersons: Years of experience:	Name of Vet: Frequency of visits:	
Livestock Production Details	<b>Livestock Numbers:</b>	<b>Facility Details</b>	<b>Sourcing Livestock</b>
	<b>Cattle:</b> Breeding Females Breeding Males Calves <6 months Non-breeding cattle 6-18 months Other cattle over 18 months	<b>Farm Type:</b> Hill Upland Lowland	<b>Source:</b> Home bred [ ] Direct from farmers [ ] Livestock Markets [ ]
	<b>Sheep:</b> Breeding Females Breeding males Lambs <1 year Other sheep	<b>Housing:</b> Number of building Type of buildings No' animals/building Isolation facilities Y:N	<b>If bought-in, normal age of livestock</b> [number] months <b>Normal age/ production stage when livestock are sold</b> [number] months
	Other Livestock	<b>General description of how housing used</b> i.e. month of housing and turn	<b>Where livestock are sold</b> Market (name) Farmer (names)
		<b>Land:</b> Grassland (hec/ac) Forage/root crops [ ] Arable [ ]	

#### Farm Requirements

Registrants must understand and have systems and practices in place to ensure that the below criteria is met (please tick each one to indicate you do):

- Stock are tagged and movements recorded and reported in accordance with legislation
- Stockmen are competent and trained/ experienced in what they do
- Stock are handled in a way that does not compromise their welfare
- Stock are checked regularly, particularly young animals/ animals close to giving birth
- Stock are under the routine care of a vet
- Ill or injured animals receive treatment without undue delay. If the animal has to be culled, it is dispatched humanely
- Facilities to segregate ill/ injured animals are available
- A completed health plan (including biosecurity policy) is available and a review of the plan and health and performance is undertaken annually
- Competent persons administer medicines and perform husbandry procedures such as tagging, castration and disbudding
- Medicines used are authorised by a vet, within the use by date and stored in a locked store according to the instructions (i.e. in a cool, dry store or a fridge)
- Unused medicines, empty bottles and sharps are disposed of safely (normally via a vet)
- A disinfectant (suitable to kill relevant livestock diseases) is available
- Stock are provided with an adequate diet and water, that maintains health and condition
- Newborns receive adequate colostrum
- Feed is of a type permitted by legislation, does not contain animal by-products and is traceable to the place of production. If bought-in feed is not from an assured source (UFAS, FEMAS members or assured farms), feed warranty declarations accompany the feed delivery
- Feed is stored in clean conditions and in a way that avoids contamination
- A system is in place to control vermin
- Housing and handling facilities are maintained and free from projections that could cause stock pain. Housing is effectively ventilated and lit
- Stock are grouped according to size, age and production status – and animals with a risk of bullying segregated
- Stock kept outside have access to a sheltered, well-trained lying area
- Carcasses are removed from housing/ fields promptly, stored appropriately and disposed of via a registered collector

**RULES OF REGISTRATION TO THE CATTLE REARING REGISTER WILL BE DEVELOPED**

**Form to be signed by the applicant**

**Form to be counter signed by a third party to confirm the applicant is a known to them and a bona fide farmer (eg an assured farmer, auctioneer, vet, farm consultant/advisor)**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 2 – CATTLE REARING REGISTER IMPLEMENTATION**

This paper outlines in more detail how the Cattle Rearing Register will be operated.

### **Industry Ownership Group**

#### Terms of Reference

The RTA B&L Board believes it is important for the CR Register to be an industry wide initiative rather than RTA. A project management group will be set up with the following terms of reference:

- To oversee the tender and appointment of an Administration Service Provider
- To agree and oversee the implementation of a recruitment communication plan
- To receive management progress reports from the Administration Service Provider and monitor their performance

#### Group Members

RTA will provide secretariat to this group until such a time as a Service Provider is appointed after which they will provide secretariat function.

- Farmers x 2 (*NFU & NBA nominated*)
- Auction market x 2 (*LAA nominated*)
- Meat Processor x 2 (*nominated together by BMFA & AIMS*)
- Multiple Retailer x 1 (*nominated by BRC*)
- RTA B&L TAC Chairman
- FAWL
- NIBL QFAS
- RTA B&L Sector Manager
- Secretariat

### **Administration Service Provider**

The operation of the CR Register will be contracted to a third party who will be responsible for:

- Setting up an administration system capable of receiving applications, recording information on a central database and issuing CR Registration documentation. This system must be capable of receiving paper applications and possibly on-line applications (subject to cost)
- Ensuring a full up-to-date secure listing of all CR Registered farms is available on-line
- Providing a helpline for farmers to call with queries about the application forms
- Managing the production of application packs for farmers (to contain an application form, leaflet explaining the benefits of being a CRR farmer and how to join).
- Managing the production of other communication materials as required (e.g. posters, pop-up banners etc)
- Provide a CR Register Co-ordinator responsible for recruiting farmers through working with key industry stakeholders (e.g. auction markets and meat processors). The expectation is that this role will be field based for an individual with good communication skills, detailed understanding of the cattle sector and knowledge of the key contacts within the farming, auction market and livestock procurement sectors. (*This role may be a separate appointment or someone who works for the Administration Service Provider.*)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 3 - BEEF FARM STANDARDS

Both Option 1 (Batch System) and Option 2 (Individual Animal System) include a change to the Beef Farm Assurance Standards.

The relevant current standards are as follows:

### TI.c Key

#### Controls must be in place to ensure assurance status of livestock being sold as assured

- If livestock are purchased from a market, the market is assured
- Livestock sent for slaughter are kept on beef and lamb assured farms for the minimum residency period (i.e. 90 days for cattle, 60 days for sheep)
- Livestock stay on the farm for the whole time period or checks are made that the previous owner was farm assured
- Vehicles used to transport livestock are assured, either under the farm scheme, the Red Tractor Livestock Transport scheme (or equivalent). Hauliers' membership numbers are known
- Only livestock that meet the above criteria are sold as farm assured

### TI.c.1 Recommendation

*It is recommended that bought-in livestock are bought from a farm assured farm*

- *Holdings are assured to the RTA Beef and Lamb scheme, Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Scheme, NIBL FQAS, QMS Cattle and Sheep scheme*
- *Checks are made to verify the holding that livestock originates from is assured*

### Proposed Changes:

#### Option 1

- Once the CR Register is up and running then the current recommendation TI.c.1 would be upgraded to a standard and reworded so **all bought in livestock** must be sourced from either a farm assured farm, a farm which is on the Cattle Rearing Register or a farm which is a member of the Cattle Rearing Scheme.
- Standard TI.c would remain unchanged as farmers selling livestock for slaughter will be required to continue to meet the 90 days fully farm assured residency period.

#### Option 2

- Once the CR Register is up and running then the current recommendation Standard TI.c would be incorporated into Standard TI.c so all livestock **sold as assured** must be sourced from either a farm assured farm, a farm which is on the Cattle Rearing Register or a farm which is a member of the Cattle Rearing Scheme.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 4 – TIMETABLE

The roadmap below gives an indicative timetable and indicates all the key milestones for this project. This is based on the proposals outlined in this consultation should a decision be made to forward in May 2015. Consideration of the responses to this consultation may result in this timetable being changed.

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<b>Implementation Plan</b>	Consultation	■	■	■																																																									
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	Agree implementation plan			■																																																									
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