



Health Scheme Rules approved by Council in August

In order to remain as an elite breed and to ensure our customers have confidence in our product the Technical Committee had the following guidelines approved at the last Council meeting on 11th & 12th August.

1: Any member selling cattle at official sales from the 1st January 2011 must be a member of a CHeCS licensed herd health scheme. (Already in place)

2: All official Society sales to come under Health Scheme Rules.

3: BVD

All male animals from 1st Jan 2011 and all female animals from 1st October 2011 must adhere to the following rules on BVD.

Animals from non accredited herds must be blood tested for antibody and antigen and vaccinated in advance of a sale, through their CHeCS scheme provider.

(Discuss with your vet or health scheme provider.)

Animals from accredited herds must vaccinate their animals before they come to a sale.

Pregnant animals must have had testing and vaccination completed prior to service.

In both the above cases, if animals have not been vaccinated previously, a double course of vaccine needs to be administered with around a three week gap between doses.

In reality a period of around 6 weeks prior to sale should be allowed.

To allow the vaccine to become effective, animals should not be sold until at least 2 weeks after the second dose.

4: Johne's disease

All herds to be screening for Johne's disease by 1st January 2012

As part of Society policy vaccination of animals for Society sales is not recommended as there is no vaccine licensed in the UK.

Members with pedigree & commercial herds can test their pedigrees only, if they are run separate from the commercial herd.

(In an agreement with their vet or CHeCS scheme provider)

5: Cattle Health Declarations at Sales

Declarations will continue to be put in the index at the front of the catalogue.

NO foot notes will be allowed to contain any health declarations.

NO unofficial cards or statements to be displayed on pens.

Members should apply to their Health Scheme Provider for an animal health declaration card prior to the sale.

ALL THE ABOVE HEALTH MATTERS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH MEMBERS VETS OR CHeCS SCHEME PROVIDERS AND NOT THROUGH THE SOCIETY OFFICE.