

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD)- Consultation Questions

Q1. What is your name?

Q2. What is your email address?

Q3. Are the views and opinions in your response personal or expressed on behalf of an organisation?

- Personal**
- Organisation**

If the views and opinions expressed are on behalf of an organisation please provide name of organisation below.

Q4. Please indicate if you are happy for your response to be published.

- Yes**
- No**

Q5. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please indicate if you are content for the name of your organisation to be associated with your response.

- Yes**
- No**
- Not applicable**

If you answered yes, please provide your organisation's name in the box below.

Q6. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce herd restrictions as a disease control measure for BVD in Northern Ireland?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Herds with positive animals

Q7. Do you agree that the Department should restrict movements from herds that retain BVD positive animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q8. Do you agree that herd restrictions should be applied to all herds that retain positive animals, irrespective of herd size or herd nature?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q9. Do you agree that herd restrictions should apply to herds 'associated' with the herd containing the positive animal, i.e. herds that are kept, managed or housed with the herd that has the positive animal?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q10. Do you think there should be a 'grace period' before herds with a positive BVD test results are restricted, to allow herd keepers time to retest or remove PI animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q11. If so, do you consider 28 days an appropriate initial 'grace period'?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q12. Do you agree that the 28-day 'grace period' should be reduced within one to two years so that eventually herd restrictions would be applied immediately, following a positive BVD result?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q13. Do you agree that no movements should be permitted into a restricted herd, apart from exceptionally under licence issued by the Department?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q14. Do you agree that no movements should be permitted out of a restricted herd, apart from moves to slaughter, for disposal as an animal by-product or exceptionally, under licence issued by the Department?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q15. Are there any other moves that you think should be allowed out of or into a restricted herd?

- Yes**
- No**

If so, please provide details.

Q16. What do you think of the Department's proposals regarding the lifting of herd restrictions?

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q17. Do you agree with the Department's proposal to impose restrictions on breeding age females in the herds restricted because of positive animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below

Q18. If breeding females are restricted, under what other circumstances, do you consider that restrictions should be removed?

Please give reasons for your answer.

Herds with inconclusive animals

Q19. Do you agree that the Department should restrict movements out of herds that retain BVD inconclusive animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q20. Do you agree that restrictions on herds with retained BVD inconclusives should apply to associated herds?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q21. Do you think there should be a 'grace period' before herds containing animals with inconclusive test results are restricted, to allow herd keepers time to retest and if necessary, remove PI animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q22. Do you agree with the Department's proposals regarding movements in and out of herds restricted because they retain inconclusive animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q23. Do you agree with the Department's proposals regarding the lifting of restrictions for herds that retain inconclusive animal(s)?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Herds with unknown status animals

Q24. Should the Department be able to restrict herds retaining animals whose BVD status is unknown?

- Strongly Agree**
- Agree**
- Neither Agree or Disagree**
- Disagree**
- Strongly Disagree**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q25. Do you agree that restrictions placed on herds with retained BVD unknowns should also be applied to associated herds?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q26. What criteria do you consider the Department should consider when deciding whether to restrict herds which retain BVDUs?

Please give reasons for your answer.

Q27. Do you think there should be a 'grace period' before herds retaining BVDUs are restricted, to allow herd keepers time to test and, if necessary, remove PI animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q28. Do you agree with the Department's views regarding movements in and out of herds restricted because they retain BVDU animals?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Q29. Do you agree with the Department's views regarding the lifting of any restrictions that might be imposed on herds that retain BVDU animal(s)?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Herds with untested 'pre-2016 animals'

Q30. Do you think that there should be a legal requirement to test those animals born, or brought into a herd, before 1 March 2016 which currently have no BVD status?

- Yes**
- No**

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response, in box below.

Impact Assessments

Q31. Do you have any comments to make in relation to the Regulatory Impact Assessment and its conclusions, or any additional information to inform the impact/cost on farmers?

Please provide any comments you wish to make in box below.

Q32. Do you have any comments to make in relation to the Equality Screening document or the Rural Needs Impact Assessment and their conclusions?

Please provide any comments you wish to make in box below.

Written responses should be sent to

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