

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 3(2)(a) and (b) and 4

THE BEEF ASSURANCE SCHEME

PART I

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

1. The herd shall be an all beef herd.
2. Any other beef herd in the same ownership or kept on the same holding shall be managed as a separate herd, so that none of the following are common to the herds; calving facilities, housing or grazing, or bulls, if used. Separate records shall be kept under the Bovine Animals (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 1995.
3. No animals kept, reared and used for milk production shall have been present on the same holding within the seven years prior to the application.
4. Any animals born or reared in a dairy herd shall be removed from the herd before it is registered.
5. There shall have been no confirmed cases of BSE—
 - (a) in the herd;
 - (b) in any animal originating from the herd; or
 - (c) in any herd to which animals now in the herd to which the application relates have ever belonged.
6. The herd shall have been in existence for four years, which shall be verifiable from farm records.
7. Over the seven year period prior to the date of application, to the best of the applicant's knowledge no animal in the herd shall have been fed any feed containing meat and bone meal. In order to satisfy himself on this point the applicant shall make all necessary enquiries of suppliers of feed to the holding.
8. Over the four year period prior to the date of application, no animal in the herd shall have been fed any compound feed other than—
 - (a) home mixed feed using no meat and bone meal; or
 - (b) proprietary feed from a mill which only produced feed for ruminants.

PART II

CONDITIONS OF CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP

1. All movements and deaths of animals shall be notified to the Minister in the form set out in the booklet issued to members of the Beef Assurance Scheme.
2. Animals may only be added to a registered herd where—
 - (a) the herd from which the additional animal is obtained is also a registered herd; or
 - (b) the animal is a replacement breeding animal from a beef herd which satisfies the requirements of paragraph 5 of Part I above.
3. The herd shall continue to meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 of Part I above.

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4. No animal in the herd shall be fed—
 - (a) any feed containing meat and bone meal; or
 - (b) any compound feed other than—
 - (i) home mixed feed using no meat and bone meal; or
 - (ii) proprietary feed from a mill which only produces feed for ruminants.
5. The owner of a registered herd shall pay to the Minister such reasonable charge as he may from time to time determine to be the annual membership fee for the Beef Assurance Scheme, which charge shall not exceed the appropriate share of the administration costs of the Scheme.

PART III

CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF A SLAUGHTER CERTIFICATE

1. The animal shall be part of a herd which, at the time of issue of the certificate, is registered under the Beef Assurance Scheme and complies with the rules in Part I of this Schedule.
2. The animal shall have been born in the herd to which it belongs at the time of issue of the certificate, or in another herd registered under the Beef Assurance Scheme.
3. The animal shall never have formed part of a herd not registered under the Beef Assurance Scheme.
4. The animal shall have two eartags bearing the official number of the animal, one of which must be readable at a distance.
5. The animal shall not be more than 42 months old.

PART IV

CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUE OF A VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

1. The carcase shall be that of an animal forming part of a herd which, at the time of slaughter, was registered under the Beef Assurance Scheme and complied with the rules in Part I of this Schedule.
2. The carcase shall be that of an animal born in the herd to which it belonged at the time of slaughter, or in another herd registered under the Beef Assurance Scheme.
3. The carcase shall be that of an animal which never formed part of a herd not registered under the Beef Assurance Scheme.
4. The carcase shall have two ear tags bearing the official number of the animal.
5. The carcase shall be that of an animal not more than 42 months old.