

# BVD Phase 5 - Main Aims and Changes Comes into force 1st December 2019

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## Introducing the PI locator

For BVD Positive Herds, ie herds with BVD infected animals (PIs), their CPH will be listed on ScotEID after 40 days

**If PI remains on the holding after 40 days**

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## To restrict movement into BVD Positive Herds

BVD Positive herds cannot bring cattle on to their holding except under special licence

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## In Spring 2020

To reduce risk to neighbours and the risk of spread to those vulnerable in the herd :-

All BVD infected animals (PIs) must be separately housed and have no contact with other animals

**Subject to unannounced inspection by APHA**

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## Reduce movement of 'risky' animals

Animals joining the herd as 'Risky' (unknown status) cannot leave the herd without an individual BVD Negative Status unless going to slaughter within 40 days

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## To reduce tagging errors

When tissue tagging calves under 20 days old, an 'Official Tag' must be used

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## Reduce potential for incorrect sample submission

A retest sample of a BVD Positive animal must be taken by a vet

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## Quicker testing to results

Laboratories must report test results within 5 days (currently 40 days)

**Reduction of 35 days**

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Herds BVD Not Negative or Positive for 15 months or more must undertake a **Compulsory BVD Investigation**

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# BVD Phase 5 - The Compulsory BVD Investigation (CBI)

## Who is affected?

Breeding herds that have been BVD Not Negative or Positive for more than 15 months.

**Purpose:** To find out if there are BVD PI animals in breeding herds whose BVD Herd status has remained BVD Not Negative.

**Impact:** A breeding herd that undertakes a Compulsory BVD Investigation(CBI) must obtain an individual BVD Negative status for each animal, by testing all animals that don't already have a BVD Negative or Assumed Negative status.

**When PIs are found:** The herd status becomes BVD Positive and movement restrictions apply – no cattle can be brought in (except under licence). Should the PIs remain in the herd for more than 40 days, the CPH will be added to the PI Locator list on ScotEID. Removal of the PIs as soon as they are found avoids both the movement restrictions and appearing on the PI locator list.

**Outcome:** When all animals are BVD virus tested and only animals with a BVD Negative or Assumed Negative status are in the herd, the vet submits a CBI Certificate to ScotEID declaring the breeding herd BVD Negative. The Compulsory BVD Investigation is then complete.

## After the Compulsory BVD

**Investigation:** Breeding herds that have completed the CBI must continue to BVD virus test calves born into the herd for a further 12 months from the date of the CBI Certificate. The testing can be by tissue tag or blood samples. If using tissue tags on calves under 20 days old, the tag must be an official tag.

**Timeframe:** 12 months is given to complete the CBI. If the breeding herd has been unable to test all animals in the 12 month timeframe allowed, or there are BVD PI animals present, the BVD Policy Team in Scottish Government will review the steps taken during the CBI.

## Here to help

The ScotEID team is available to respond to concerns and answer queries on all aspects of BVD.

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