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**The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Eradication Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 –  
Laboratory Approvals**

The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Eradication Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) came into operation on 1 March 2016. The Scheme aims to control and ultimately eradicate Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) in Northern Ireland and places legal requirements on herd keepers relating to the compulsory 'tag and testing' of bovines. As a result of this, all laboratories testing for the purposes of the Scheme are required to obtain approval from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

If you wish to apply for laboratory approval under the Scheme to test tissue or blood samples for bovines born in Northern Ireland, you will need to complete Application Form BVDLAB1A (enclosed).

If you wish to apply for laboratory approval under the Scheme for recognition of test results for bovines born in other jurisdictions, you will need to complete Application Form BVDLAB1B (enclosed).

I have also attached a copy of the DAERA Guidance Note 'Criteria for the Approval of Laboratories' (BVDLAB1A / BVDLAB1B).

The completed application form, along with supporting documentation (as required), should be returned to the above address. **It is important to note that laboratories which have not obtained DAERA approval under the Scheme cannot provide a BVD testing service, nor have their test results for bovines born in other jurisdictions recognised.**

If you have a hearing difficulty you can contact the  
Department via Text Relay.  
Making a call from a textphone dial 18001 + number.  
Making a call from a telephone dial 18002 + number.



If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact DAERA at the following email address: [BVD.policy@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:BVD.policy@daera-ni.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

*Glenda García*

**Glenda Garcia**  
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1. Application Form (BVDLAB1A / BVDLAB1B) – application to become an approved laboratory for BVD Testing /application for recognition of test results for bovines born in other jurisdictions.
2. DAERA Guidance Note - Criteria for the Approval of Laboratories (BVDLAB1A / BVDLAB1B).