Farmer Application for **BVDFree Test Negative** Herd Status

To apply for BVDFree Test Negative Herd status please fill out this form with your vet and send to: bvdfree@bvdfree.org.uk or BVDFree England, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2TL.

### Checklist for application before you start:

1. Is your holding registered with BVDFree? 
2. Have you completed 2 annual tests which were negative for BVD? 
3. Are your BVD test results held on the BVDFree database? 
4. Is the vet who is signing the form a BCVA BVD accredited advisor? 

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### BVDFree ADAM Programme for this farm

Please tick to confirm that you have:

- Assessed the level of biosecurity and disease risk *
- Defined the BVD status of the herd.
- Action plan for control of BVD on farm put in place
- Monitored progress – annual status check completed for 2 years

### *Biosecurity discussion points*

1. Have any untested or pregnant animals (tested or not) come onto the farm in the last 12 months (e.g. cows, heifers, calves, bulls)?
2. Have all animals brought on to the farm in the last 12 months (including hire bulls) come from herds with a BVDFree TEST Negative herd status or equivalent and/or have all animals got an individual status of BVDFree Virus Test Negative or equivalent (*Recommended by BVDFree*)?
3. Have any heifers or cows been away from the home farm during pregnancy in the last 12 months e.g. common grazing, housing, shows or sales?
4. Is contact possible between your cattle and cattle from other farms, such as a neighbour’s?
5. Have you vaccinated for BVD and is it up to date?

Note – Herd status must be renewed **every year**. If you do not complete your annual testing for BVD, your herd status will be changed to ‘not negative’. A herd status of “BVDFree Test Negative” will be renewed if your annual Check Test in the following year is clear and/or all calves born in the following year are tested for BVD virus and no PIs are detected.
BVD Monitoring

*Herd must complete either two annual check tests OR two years of virus testing, negative for BVD to be eligible for herd status.

**Check testing** (antibody)

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<th>Current no. of breeding cows</th>
<th>No. of calves born in last 12 months</th>
<th>No. of sentinels tested Yr 1</th>
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- **CLEAR ANNUAL CHECK TESTS**: at least 5 unvaccinated homebred 9-18 month old animals from every separately managed group of young stock have **all tested negative for antibodies to BVD virus for 2 years**.

- **Positive for antibodies – a single sample tested positive - low-moderate titre in a check test**: In a youngstock group there was one antibody test positive sample. This inconclusive animal was retested with an additional 5-10 from that group, after an interval of at least 30 days. Retest animal is still positive and no other animals have seroconverted. Biosecurity has been reviewed. I therefore request a ‘negative’ screen test result for the year. Only applies for year 1, year 2 test must be clear.

- **Less than 5 unvaccinated animals in age range 9-18 months were available to sample in either year**: Additional animals between 6 and 9 months or over 18 months tested negative for BVD antibodies to constitute the young stock check test. A minimum of 5 animals were sampled or all eligible animals if less than 5 available.

**Virus testing** (PCR/antigen ELISA)

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<th>No. of calves born in last 2 years</th>
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- All calves born have been blood or tissue tested for BVD virus and no PIs detected for a period of **not less than 2 years** prior to the date of this application.

- Known aborted fetuses and stillborn calves and/or their dams have been tissue tested for BVD virus and no PIs detected for a period of **not less than 2 years** prior to the date of this application. *(Recommended by BVDFree)*

**Persistently Infected animals** (no PIs should have been on the holding for at least 12 months)

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<th>Number of PIs that have been on the farm in last 24 months (0 if none)</th>
<th>Date last PI removed</th>
<th>Method of removal of PI</th>
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**Declaration by vet – please tick to confirm**: *(mandatory field)*

- I have screened the herd as above and/or I have seen results from a BVDFree designated lab to support the BVD monitoring as above.

- I have explained the rules of the BVDFree Scheme to my client and advised on ongoing BVD biosecurity

- I am registered with the BCVA as an Accredited BVDV and BVDFree Scheme Advisor.

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________ Date: ____________

**Declaration by keeper – please tick to confirm**: *(mandatory field)*

- I agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of BVDFree. All information is correct as at this time.

- I am requesting the farm be assigned the herd status “BVDFree Test Negative”

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________ Date: ____________

**Herd status needs to be renewed every year by testing for BVD and applying to update herd status.**

- I intend to test all calves for BVD virus next year

- I intend to use check testing of young stock for BVD antibodies next year

- I plan to test all calves for BVD virus and to do a young stock check test