



## **DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner: Approved Quarantine Establishments (AQEs) for BVD Certification and further official stamp guidance**

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**Audience:** DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners

**Subject:** 1. The Use of Approved Quarantine Establishments (AQEs) for BVD Certification of cattle to the Republic of Ireland  
2. Queries regarding format of Official Veterinarian DAERA stamps

### **1. The Use of Approved Quarantine Establishments (AQEs) for BVD Certification of Breeding and Production Cattle to the Republic of Ireland (RoI)**

As you will be aware from recent DAERA communications, the export of cattle for breeding and production to from NI to RoI now requires that new Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) requirements reflecting RoI's recently acquired Eradication Programme status are met. One option for meeting these new export requirements includes isolating cattle in an AQE for a minimum of 21 days prior to export.

Following a number of queries, DAERA would like to clarify the following:

- approval of an AQE requires an inspection by a DAERA official. AQEs cannot be approved by private veterinary practitioners.
- use of the facility as an AQE can only begin **after DAERA** approval has been granted, i.e., the 21day period must begin **after** the date of approval recorded on the official approval document issued by DAERA to the herd keeper. **Isolation periods starting before the date of official approval are not valid, regardless of whether animals were kept in those facilities for a period prior to approval.**

You should keep a copy of the DAERA official approval letter as part of your certification evidence bundle.

Further details regarding AQEs can be found on the DAERA website @ [Approved Quarantine Establishments \(AQE\) | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/Approved-Quarantine-Establishments-AQE-Department-of-Agriculture-Environment-and-Rural-Affairs)

### **2. Queries Regarding Official Veterinarian DAERA Stamps**

[aPVP Bulletin 09 22](#) issued on the 10th of August 2022 contains details of the format of official stamps which aPVPs should currently be using to endorse official certification.

This has led to a number of queries on the eligibility of stamps in current circulation. **If you are submitting a query regarding the eligibility of your stamp, can you please include a picture of the stamp as this will expedite the reply process.**

If you have any queries regarding the information in this bulletin, please contact [DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk)

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