



## **CellCheck 'Partner' Labs**

### **Terms and conditions**

#### **Background**

In order to support mastitis control on-farm, Animal Health Ireland plans to develop a dedicated webpage, providing relevant technical information on sampling milk from mastitis cases, and signposting farmers and service providers towards laboratories that provide bacterial identification services to a DAFM-approved standard.

#### **Listing of labs**

- The list of private laboratories providing bacterial identification services to a DAFM-approved standard, will be live on [www.cellcheck.ie](http://www.cellcheck.ie) from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.
- In order to be included and to remain on this list, labs must have successfully passed the last 2 consecutive rounds of the DAFM PT1 scheme (for bacterial identification)
- Following each round of proficiency testing, DAFM will report results to AHI, and the online list will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.
  - If at any point a lab scores <80%, they will be contacted by Limerick RVL, to provide assistance in identifying the reason and possible solutions.
  - If the lab scores <80% on 2 consecutive rounds of the DAFM PT1 scheme, the lab will be removed from the online list of CellCheck 'partner' labs.
  - A lab can be returned to this list once DAFM has indicated that they have scored >80% on 2 consecutive rounds of the PT1 scheme.

**AHI reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of inclusion in this online listing, in order to continually improve services and on-farm decision-making in mastitis control.**

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