

NATIONAL IBR ERADICATION PROGRAMME BUSINESS PLAN



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Programme Objective: To eradicate Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR)/BoHV-1 from the national herd, subject to a positive cost-benefit analysis and a mandate from Animal Health Ireland Stakeholders.

KEY DELIVERABLES

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

COMMUNICATIONS

Develop and implement a communications plan to raise awareness of IBR and to communicate options for a national IBR eradication programme.

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Develop and deliver private veterinary practitioner training on IBR.

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PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Convene regular meetings of an IBR Implementation Group to consider options for a national eradication programme, taking account of requirements of the Animal Health Law.

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Continue to develop a national model in support of an IBR programme and use it to address questions on programme design and implementation.

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Subject to IBR Implementation Group decisions initiate steps to begin a national IBR programme.

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Continue studies to determine prevalence and impact of IBR, including an analysis of bulk milk surveillance to identify and address risk factors for positivity, abattoir-based prevalence and risk-factor study of under 30 month old cattle.

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Develop a module on the ICBF database to display the results of twice-yearly national bulk tank surveillance testing and to use this to generate result-led communications to herd owners.

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Subject to IBR Implementation Group decisions, to develop the functionality of ICBF to manage the programme.

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Implement routine bulk tank milk testing for dairy herds and associated communications.

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Contribute to sectoral sustainability through actions assigned to AHI within AgClimatise Roadmap and iNAP2. Specifically, work towards the development of a programme to reduce prevalence levels of IBR. Also, to initiate targeted communications to herds to promote IBR control, including vaccination where necessary.

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