DESIGNATED LABORATORIES FOR BVD TESTING

PART A. Selection of a laboratory for testing:

- The BVD Implementation Group has designated the following laboratories to test samples for BVD virus and/or antibody as part of the national BVD Eradication Programme.
- Herdowners should be aware that not all laboratories may be in a position to test all tag types and should therefore take this into account when deciding to which laboratory they will submit samples (see the table overleaf for further information).
- You should contact the laboratories directly to ensure that testing is carried out at the best price.

Name of laboratory	Address	Website	Contact
Agri Diagnostics	Dunrine, Killarney, Co. Kerry	www.agridiagnostics.ie	Mary Moynihan 064 6633922 labs@agridiagnostics.ie
Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute	Stoney Road, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3SD	www.afbini.gov.uk	Emma Campbell +44 (0) 28 905 25791 bvd.testing@afbini.gov.uk
Animal Health Laboratories	Shinagh House, Bandon, Co. Cork	www.animalhealthlabs.ie	Nicola White 023 8854100 nwhite@ahli.ie
Enfer Labs	Unit T, M7 Business Park, Newhall, Naas, Co Kildare.	www.enfergroup.com	Paul Simmons 045 983 800 paulsimmons@enfergroup.com
Farm Lab Diagnostics	Emlagh, Elphin, Co. Roscommon	www.farmlab.ie	Clair McLoughlin 071 963 0792 info@farmlab.ie
FBA Laboratories Ltd	Carrigeen Industrial Estate, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford.	www.fba-labs.com	Conor Butler 058 52861 conor@fba-labs.com
Independent Milk Laboratories	Shercock Road, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	www.imlabs.ie	Dr. Robert Burns 042 967 5353 robertb@imlabs.ie
National Milk Laboratories Ltd.	c/o iML, Shercock Road, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	w.nationalmilklaboratories.co	Dr. Robert Burns 042 967 5353 robertb@imlabs.ie
Oldcastle Laboratories	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath	www.oldcastlelabs.ie	Michelle Carroll 049 854 1160 elisa@oldcastlelabs.ie
DESIGNATED LABORATORIES THAT DO NOT OFFER TISSUE TAG TESTING			
Dairygold Milk Testing Laboratories	Annabella, Mallow, Co. Cork	www.dairygold.ie	Dan Curtin Tel: 025 24411 dcurtin@dairygold.ie
Glanbia Ingredients Ireland	Dungarvan Business Park, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	www.glanbiaingredientsireland.com	Siobhan Troy Tel:058 51101 giimilkadmin@glanbia.ie
Irish Equine Centre	Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare	www.irishequinecentre.ie	Prof. Ann Cullinane 045 866 266 acullinane@equinecentre.ie

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Selection of Lab for Testing of Tissue Tag Samples

Below is a list of the laboratories and the approved tissue tag products designated by the BVD Implementation Group to provide tissue tag testing in support of the national eradication programme and the tissue tag products and associated test methods for which they are designated.

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NOT DESIGNATED

Tag Product Type

	Ultraflex Female TST with Dry tube /Ultraflex Male combination		**Flexo Plus Geno**		**Datamars MF16 DM Typifix-S Large**		**Agritags MF16 DM Typifix-S Large**	
Tag supplier(s)	Mullinahone (Eurotags)		Cormac Tagging Ltd.		Datamars Agi Limited		Agritags	
Test method	ELISA	RT-PCR	ELISA	RT-PCR	ELISA	RT-PCR	ELISA	RT-PCR
Agri-diagnostics								
Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute								
Animal Health Laboratories								
Dairygold Milk Testing Laboratories								
Glanbia Ingredients Ireland								
Enfer Labs								
Farm Lab Diagnostics								
FBA Laboratories Ltd								
Independent Milk Laboratories								
Irish Equine Centre								
National Milk Laboratories Ltd								
Oldcastle Laboratories								

DESIGNATED LABORATORIES FOR BVD TESTING

Part B. Selection of a laboratory for testing of blood and milk samples

A number of laboratories have also been designated to provide additional BVD testing on blood and milk samples for both BVD virus and antibodies. Details of all designated laboratories, including their accreditation and the range of tests offered, are provided in the table overleaf. If you wish to have the results of blood or milk testing for BVD virus (or antibodies) transferred to the ICBF database for use in the programme, then it is essential that you the select a laboratory from this table that is designated to perform the appropriate test on your chosen sample type(s).

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Note that the Department of Agriculture Laboratories Virology Division (Backweston) must be used for official testing for BVD and IBR (e.g. for entry to AI).

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Mi	Milk - individual
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p80	Detects antibodies to p80 protein only
WV	Detects antobodies to whole virus

Name of laboratory	Address	Website	Contact	Accreditation Body	ELISA Virus	RTPCR	ELISA Antibody (kit type(s))
Agri Diagnostics	Dunrine, Killarney, Co. Kerry	www.agridiagnostics.ie	Mary Moynihan Tel: 064 6633922 labs@agridiagnositics.ie	INAB	-	T, B	B, Mi, Mb p80
Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute	Stoney Road, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3SD	www.afbini.gov.uk	Emma Campbell Tel: +44 (0) 28 905 25791 bvd.testing@afbini.gov.uk	UKAS	T, B	T, B, Mi, Mb	B, Mi, Mb p80
Animal Health Laboratories	Shinagh House, Bandon, Co.Cork	www.animalhealthlabs.ie	Nicola White Tel: 023 8854100 nwhite@ahli.ie	INAB	T, B	T, B, Mi, Mb	B, Mi, Mb WV*
Dairygold Milk Testing Laboratory	Annabella, Mallow, Co. Cork	www.dairygold.ie	Dan Curtin Tel: 025 24411 dcurtin@dairygold.ie	INAB	-	-	Mb p80
Enfer Labs	Unit T, M7 Business Park, Newhall, Naas. Co Kildare	www.enfergroup.com	Paul Simmons Tel: 045 983 800 paulsimmons@enfergroup.com	INAB	T, B	T, B	B, Mi, Mb p80, WV

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FBA Laboratories Ltd	Carrigeen Industrial Estate, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford. Ireland	www.fba-labs.com	Conor Butler Tel: 058 52861 conor@fba-labs.com	INAB	T, B	T	-
Independent Milk Laboratories	iML, Shercock Rd, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	www.imlabs.ie	Dr. Robert Burns 042 967 5353 robertb@imlabs.ie	INAB	T, B	T, B	B, Mi, Mb p80
Irish Equine Centre	Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare. Ireland	www.irishequinecentre.ie	Prof. Ann Cullinane Tel: 045 866266 acullinane@equinecentre.ie	INAB	B	B, Mi, Mb	B, Mi, Mb p80
National Milk Laboratories Ltd.	c/o iML, Shercock Rd, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	www.nationalmilklaboratories.co.uk	Dr. Robert Burns 042 967 5353 robertb@imlabs.ie	INAB	T, B	-	B, Mi, Mb p80, WV*
Oldcastle Laboratories	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath. Ireland	www.oldcastlelabs.ie	Michelle Carroll Tel: 049 8541160 elisa@oldcastlelabs.ie	INAB	T, B	T	B, Mi, Mb p80

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All designated laboratories are independently accredited for BVD testing and the test methods used (ELISA or RT-PCR) will, in the great majority of cases, accurately detect the presence or absence of virus in tissue and blood samples when submitted and tested correctly. However, results relate only to the sample as received by the laboratory and, whilst laboratories warrant that their tests will meet their applicable declared specifications, the laboratories make no other warranty, expressed or implied and accept no responsibility or liability in respect of false results which are within the limits of the declared specifications of the tests offered. No representation or warranty is given by AHI, ICBF, the Technical Working Group, the Implementation Group or any member, employee or other person connected with any of the foregoing bodies as to the accuracy of any BVD test methods or test results. Neither AHI, ICBF, the Technical Working Group, the Implementation Group nor any member, employee or other person connected with any of the foregoing bodies shall have any liability or responsibility in respect of any laboratory or the accuracy of any test methods, test results or reports produced by any laboratory.