

**Application for Approval to Undertake Private TB γ -Interferon Testing of Cattle in England**

Case PVS or Other Contact Name	<input type="text"/>		
Veterinary Practice	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address	<input type="text"/>		
Herd Owner/Keeper's Name	<input type="text"/>	CPHH	<input type="text"/>
Address of animals at time of sampling	<input type="text"/>		

Are any animals to be tested skin test-positive and awaiting slaughter? Yes No

Are any animals to be tested from TB-restricted (breakdown) herds and due to have a government TB γ -Interferon test? Yes No

Are all animals to be sampled over six months old? Yes No

Proposed date of sampling Number of animals to be sampled

Reason for Test:

High Specificity Test (PRV-SP) (tick if appropriate)

Official Tuberculosis Free (OTF) herd cattle only. May be used as a supplementary test for additional assurances as to TB-free status of animals (e.g. for movement/sales, testing Inconclusive Reactors (IRs) and additional surveillance following negative routine testing).

High Sensitivity Test (PRV-SE) (tick if appropriate)

Skin test-negative cattle in TB-restricted (breakdown) herds that do not qualify for a government-funded TB γ -Interferon test.

Approval for private testing will not be given when:

- cattle from TB-restricted (breakdown) herds undergoing government TB γ -Interferon testing
- skin test-positive (reactor) and other cattle awaiting slaughter for TB control purposes
- animals are in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland at the time of sampling
- herds are under restrictions for overdue tuberculin skin tests
- cattle are under six months of age.

Samples yielding a positive result will also be reported to the relevant Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Regional Field Office. This may affect the Official TB status of the holding of origin and require statutory restrictions to be implemented. Farmers should be made aware that animals giving a positive result are likely to be compulsory slaughtered with statutory compensation and the herd put under official restrictions. Some low risk animals giving a positive result may be retested at government discretion and expense. Further information, including testing costs can be found at - <http://ahvla.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/ifng-testing/index.htm>.

Email this form to APHA TB advice team, TB.Advice@apha.gsi.gov.uk and allow five working days for the application to be considered.

Following review by APHA this form to be emailed back to the address given by the submitter above and copied to the testing laboratory - gammatest.newcastle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Data Protection Act 1998: In addition to considering approval of private TB γ -Interferon Testing, we may also use the data provided and the results produced for other purposes. Please see the data protection statement in our Price List or on our website www.gov.uk/apha

For APHA use only

Application approved Application denied Date

Application reviewed by: MRCVS

Reason for denied approval:

The Animal and Plant Health Agency is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.