



Appendix AH.3

Animal Health Plan

This appendix provides an example format of an Animal Health Plan. This document should not purely be to satisfy the needs of your farm inspection – it should be the starting point for reducing the risk and cost of health problems in your herd or flock.

As a minimum the plan must cover the areas of farm biosecurity (standard L4.11, see appendix L18 for more guidance), vaccinations, parasite control, routine management procedures and veterinary operations.

You must also:

- **Review the Animal Health Plan at least annually** or more frequently in the event of substantial changes to husbandry practices.

It would be best practice to do the following:

- Seek professional advice (veterinary surgeon, nutritionist etc) in preparing your plan, and review annually with your veterinary surgeon.
- You should record each individual health condition experienced on your farm throughout the year (including those not always requiring veterinary medicines e.g. difficult calving). This will allow a meaningful and effective review to be conducted.
- Where possible, only buy stock from sources with a known health status.

When developing your animal health plan, you should consider the following principles:

- **Measure** – what are the animal health issues on your farm? What impact do they have on the performance of your livestock?

We recommend that the individual health conditions experienced on your farm are recorded throughout the year; this will allow an (easier and) effective review to be conducted.

- **Manage** – How did/ will you manage each specific health problem?

We recommend that you develop an action plan to deal with each specific issue you have identified.

- **Monitor** – Have your measures been effective?

Review your animal health plan and the incidence records you keep (e.g. medicine records, reasons for treatment records), to establish whether the measures you have taken have been effective. Review these annually, ideally with your veterinary surgeon.

- **Seek advice** – Can a professional help you?

Ask your veterinary surgeon/ nutritionist/ consultant for advice on how to control and eradicate specific problems.



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		Farm Details	Veterinary Practice Details
Name		<i>Mr A Farmer</i>	<i>High Town Veterinary Practice</i>
Address		<i>Lower Farm Little Lane The Village High Town</i>	<i>123 Long Street High Town</i>
Telephone		<i>01234 567890</i>	<i>01234 987654</i>
Mobile		<i>07777 111111</i>	
Herd/Flock Numbers		<i>UK123456</i>	
Plan completed by		Name: <i>Mr A Farmer</i>	Signature: <i>A Farmer</i> Date: 10th October 2008
Review completed by		Name: <i>Mr A Vet and Mr A Farmer</i>	Signature: <i>A Farmer A Vet</i> Date: 8th October 2009
Next Review Date		<i>October 2010</i>	
Cattle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sheep <input type="checkbox"/>	Cattle & Sheep <input type="checkbox"/>	(tick as appropriate)



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1. Farm Biosecurity Policy

See Appendix AM.11 for further details of what to include

Areas covered may include:

Animals:

Purchased animals are kept separate from the herd for 3 days and closely observed for any signs of disease/other problems

People:

*Visitors by appointment only
Disinfectant points at entrance to farm*

Buildings:

*Cleansed and disinfected between each batch.
Clean bedding applied each day*

Equipment:

All equipment cleaned after use (as far as practicably possible).

Misc:

2. Vaccination Policy

Category of stock	Disease	Vaccine used	Timing
<i>Calves</i>	<i>Pneumonia/IBR/ Para-influenza/BVD</i>	<i>Rispoval</i>	<i>5 weeks of age and 10 weeks (two doses)</i>
<i>Calves</i>	<i>Blackleg</i>	<i>Covexin</i>	<i>At turnout</i>
IF THIS SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO YOUR FARM PLEASE TICK			



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3. Parasite Control

Category of stock	Type of parasite	Treatment used	Timing
<i>Beef cattle</i>	<i>Gut worms</i>	<i>White drench</i>	<i>On turnout, 6 weeks after turnout & before housing</i>
<i>Beef cattle</i>	<i>Flystrike</i>	<i>Spot-on</i>	<i>At turnout</i>
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4. Routine Management Procedures and Veterinary Operations

Areas covered may include: footcare, navel dipping, tail-docking, disbudding, de-horning, castration					
Type of stock	Age (if applicable)	Procedure	Method/Product	Anaesthetic (operations only)	Performed by
<i>Calves</i>	<i>10 weeks</i>	<i>Dehorning</i>	<i>Gas fuelled iron</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>A Farmer</i>
<i>Calves</i>	<i>Under 2 months</i>	<i>Castration</i>	<i>Burdizzo</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>A Farmer</i>
<i>Cattle</i>		<i>Foot Trimming</i>		<i>No</i>	<i>A Farmer / H Stockman</i>
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