Specific controls are in place to monitor the condition under which bovine embryos are collected, identified and traced. The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is responsible for licensing bovine embryo (collection, production and transfer) teams and storage centres and charges a fee for these services.

These fees are based on a fixed admin charge, plus (where applicable) a variable charge for Veterinary Officer (VO) time which will be calculated on the actual veterinary time taken.

Inspectors travel time will be calculated from the nearest APHA office for each site visited. Multiple inspection activities on one site will only attract one travel time fee.

Other inspections at nearby separate customer’s sites will attract the fee from the nearest APHA office and not the actual start point of the inspector’s journey.

An administrative tool has been developed using Ordinance Survey data that uses the optimal travel time to a given site. Travel time is capped at 45 minutes each way and using the tool will ensure that the travel time charge is constant for all visits to a given site and not variable due to travel delays.

Example of actual sum charged:

Approval of a single bovine embryo collection team with inspection of one laboratory, if the veterinary work took 1.5 hours:

£28 fixed admin fee + £16 x 6 = £124 plus travel time fee.

The actual sum charged will be comprised of all the appropriate chargeable activities listed below.
Table 1

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Fee (£)</th>
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<td>Time spent by veterinary officer when carrying out inspections and checks</td>
<td>16 per quarter hour or part quarter hour spent</td>
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<td>(in addition to the basic fees listed in this Table where the relevant</td>
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<td>facilities or premises require inspection or records require checking)</td>
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<td>Time spent by a veterinary officer travelling to and from premises for</td>
<td>21 per quarter hour or part quarter hour spent, up to a</td>
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<td>the purposes specified below.</td>
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<td>collection or production team where there is inspection of one laboratory</td>
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<td>store from the same applicant done on the same day.</td>
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<td>team; or- a store under regulation 13: a store under regulation 16; or-</td>
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<td>a store and its supervisor under regulations 16 and 19, of the 1995</td>
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<td>Considering an application for re-approval of a laboratory or a store</td>
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([1]) S.I.1995/2478; to which there is an amendment not relevant to these Regulations.
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