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## Application for an Approved Finishing Unit in Wales

### Important Notes

- Please see the relevant guidance notes on GOV.UK for guidance in preparing this application: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/approved-finishing-units-for-cattle-application>
- Applications should be submitted to the Veterinary Lead Wales (VLW) at Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Wales Field Services, Penrallt Offices, Caernarfon, LL5 1BN or emailed to [APHA.CymruWales@apha.gov.uk](mailto:APHA.CymruWales@apha.gov.uk)
- The conditions for approving these units are attached as Schedule 1.
- Please complete Parts A, B and C and attach the required supporting documents as listed at Part D.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- **Please use block letters.**

### Part A - Details of applicant

1. Name, address and postcode of the person applying for the approval (who must be the person responsible for the management of the Approved Finishing Unit (AFU)):
2. Position of responsible person/applicant:
3. Tel No. (incl. national dialling code):
4. Fax No. (incl. national dialling code):
5. Mobile Number (if available):
6. Email address (if available):

### Part B - Details of proposed unit to be approved

1. Name and type of Proposed Unit: Rearing ☐ Finishing/Fattening ☐
2. CPH of Unit:
3. Owner(s) of premises (if different from Part A)
4. Postal address of premises (if different from Part A)
5. Do you have any other cattle under your ownership or care? Yes ☐ No ☐
6. If 'Yes' give details including CPH, number of cattle and location of cattle:
7. Map Reference of proposed unit:
8. Will you be accepting cattle from herds not under TB restrictions? Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Are equipment or personnel dedicated to the unit? Yes ☐ No ☐

10. Are there adequate testing facilities? Yes ☐ No ☐

11. Proposed maximum no. of cattle in the unit

12. TB Testing Interval

### Part C - Declaration

**The declaration MUST be signed by the applicant (responsible person) named at question 1 Part A.**

- I wish to apply for approval to operate an Approved Finishing Unit. I understand that approval is subject to an inspection by an APHA Veterinarian and that additional conditions to those listed at Schedule 1 may be detailed if approval is granted.
- I hereby declare:
- The information supplied with this application form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief
- I undertake to notify APHA immediately if there is a significant change of management or staff or if the approved premises undergoes significant structural repair, maintenance or refurbishment
- I will be responsible for the management of the unit
- I will ensure that the operation of the unit meets with all requirements for the welfare of cattle within the unit
- I will ensure that the system to collect run-off water meets the Code of Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Water, Soil and Air for Wales
- I have read and understood the conditions for approval at Schedule 1 and I undertake to comply with them
- I understand that the details of this AFU with my contact details will be put on the public website GOV.UK

Signature

Name in block letters

Date

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#### Data Protection

For information on how we handle personal data please go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search Animal and Plant Health Agency Personal Information Charter.

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## Part D - Documents to be submitted with this application

- Site plan (the animal area, biosecurity points and extent of site to be approved)\*
- If other cattle are kept on this premises movements of cattle and equipment and drainage of effluent and waste water must be annotated on the plan\*
- A biosecurity plan covering movements of personnel, machinery, equipment and vehicles onto and off the unit\*
- Plan for the treatment of manure/slurry/bedding\*

\*applications cannot be processed without these documents.

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by APHA office

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## Part E - Inspection by an APHA Veterinarian (for completion by APHA only)

Name of APHA Veterinarian inspecting the premises

Date of inspection

Proposed maximum number of cattle in unit

Are any other animals kept on site?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If 'Yes', please give details and illustrate degree of separation on unit plan:

Describe the system to collect run-off water from the unit:

Describe how manure, bedding and slurry will be stored and disposed of:

Describe the measures taken to prevent access to accommodation by wildlife:

If equipment, machinery, personnel etc. are being shared with other premises describe the biosecurity plan in place:

Describe the TB testing facilities:

Will cattle from herds which are not under TB restrictions be included in the unit? Yes ☐ No ☐

**For all units:**

I confirm the following (for the unit to be approved all conditions MUST be met):\*

There is no contact between the cattle on the unit and any other cattle, either directly or indirectly e.g. from dirty water run off Yes ☐ No ☐

The accommodation is adequately protected from wildlife Yes ☐ No ☐

If equipment, machinery, personnel etc. is shared with other premises there is an adequate biosecurity plan in place Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

The testing facilities meet the guidelines set in the approval conditions and are adequate for the number of stock Yes ☐ No ☐

The operator has confirmed that the unit's Delivery Partner can carry out the testing at the required frequency Yes ☐ No ☐

The applicant is aware that details of their AFU and their contact details will be entered onto a public website Yes ☐ No ☐

Any further comments relating to inspection of the unit?

I confirm that the conditions necessary for approval as an AFU have been met ☐

Signature of Inspecting APHA Veterinarian

Date

**Part F - Approval for the Approved Finishing Unit (AFU)**

I confirm from this report and the attached plans that approval can be given for this unit to operate as an AFU ☐

Approval is subject to compliance with the conditions in Schedule 1.

Signature of VLW/APHA Lead Veterinarian

Date

Name in block letters

## Schedule 1

### Approved Finishing Unit (AFU) in Wales

#### Schedule of conditions for the approval of an AFU

- The following conditions will also apply to any cattle from unrestricted herds brought onto the approved unit for rearing/fattening
- All cattle moved on to the AFU must:
  - if sourced directly from herds under TB restrictions or indirectly via a TB Dedicated sale ('orange market') in England or Wales, have been moved under a licence and have been tuberculin tested with negative results in the last 90 days, with the exception of animals under 42 days old on the date of movement, which require no pre-movement test.
  - if sourced directly from an AFU in Wales, or an AFU/ Approved Finishing Unit (Enhanced) with Grazing (AFUE England only), or indirectly via a TB Dedicated sale, must have been moved under a licence, but eligible cattle (42 days of age and over) do not require to have been tuberculin tested with negative results in the last 90 days. If there has been a non-compliance with approval conditions at either the source or destination AFU/AFUE, at the last APHA audit and this has been notified to the operator, then eligible cattle will need to have been pre-movement tested.
  - be sourced from herds not restricted for TB, in which case they do not need to have been pre-movement tested
  - not be reactors or inconclusive reactors to the tuberculin test, or direct contacts, all of which must be taken directly to slaughter from the TB restricted herd
  - not have previously completed an AFU/ AFUE to AFU/AFUE move. Cattle may move to an AFU in Wales from another AFU/AFUE once only
- All the cattle on the approved unit must move:
  - to slaughter, either directly using the General Licence (TB24g) or via an approved dedicated slaughter market or collection centre (under licence (TB24b)) when the conditions of that licence must apply ie. cattle must have had a clear test for TB in the previous 90 days
  - directly to another AFU in Wales or to an AFU/AFUE in England under the licence TB16/TB16e. Cattle may only move from an AFU in Wales to another AFU in Wales once
  - to a TB Dedicated Sale ('orange market') under the licence TB16b/TB16e. Animals that have already moved into an AFU in Wales from an AFU, or an AFUE, can be moved under licence (TB16b/TB16b(Welsh)/TB16e/TB16e (Welsh)) to a TB Dedicated Sale, but a licence condition will be that they can then only be sold at the TB Dedicated Sale for slaughter, or to an AFU/AFUE in England.
- Direct or indirect (e.g. shared troughs/equipment/personnel) contact with susceptible stock outside the AFU must be impossible
- The cattle in the AFU must be housed in wildlife-proof accommodation adequate for the number of cattle for which the AFU is to be approved
- Wildlife-proof in this context refers to species of wild mammals that can act as reservoirs of *M. bovis* (e.g. badgers and, potentially, wild deer) and suitable conditions include:
  - Sides of the building should not be open, but of a smooth and solid construction (i.e. not to allow wildlife to get a purchase) and a minimum of 1.5 metres high
  - Doors should be of smooth and solid construction (i.e. not to allow wildlife to get a purchase) and a minimum of 1.5 metres high (solid sheets of metal can be added to a 5 bar gate)

- Gaps at the sides and under doors, gates and walls should be no greater than 7.5cm and must not be able to be enlarged by digging or chewing
- Where effluent or waste water drains into a soak away ditch, wildlife must not have access and wire or suitable electric fencing could be used to prevent such access. This is to prevent the contamination of the environment and wildlife
- Where appropriate, electric fencing can be used at the boundary of the AFU to ensure access by wildlife is denied (best practice is to include feed stores and silage face etc in order to prevent adding to the disease risk from the local wildlife). Where electric fencing is used it is important to note that strands of wire should be at 10, 15, 20 and 30cm above the ground
- Equipment and machinery used in the AFU should be dedicated unless:
  - contamination is at a level that can realistically and satisfactorily be cleaned using a power wash and disinfection. Contamination will be assessed according to risk. For example, a shared feed wagon that does not enter cattle areas nor come within reach of cattle may be acceptable, whilst a shared dung scraper will not
  - any contamination is dealt with immediately and certainly before contact with other TB susceptible stock
  - a full and effective biosecurity protocol is in place for all shared equipment and machinery
- There should be dedicated personnel, or at the very least, dedicated outerwear or disinfectable waterproof clothing
- There must be adequate dedicated testing facilities; as a minimum this should incorporate a crush, a sufficiently long race, a collecting yard and a covered testing area
- The welfare of the cattle is the operator's responsibility and overstocking must not be allowed
- A system must be in place to collect run-off water and effluent from the unit that prevents contamination of watercourses
- There must be facilities for the storage of manure, used bedding and slurry. After removal, manure and slurry should be treated and stored as set out on the back of the Notice Requiring Cleansing and Disinfection form (BT05), to allow for inactivation of *Mycobacterium bovis*. The slurry and manure must then be spread (off the AFU) on arable land or, alternatively, on pasture land to which susceptible stock will have no access for a minimum of 60 days. Slurry should be spread by injection, or other means which minimise the risk of aerosol spread. Records must be kept of all locations and dates of such spreading.

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