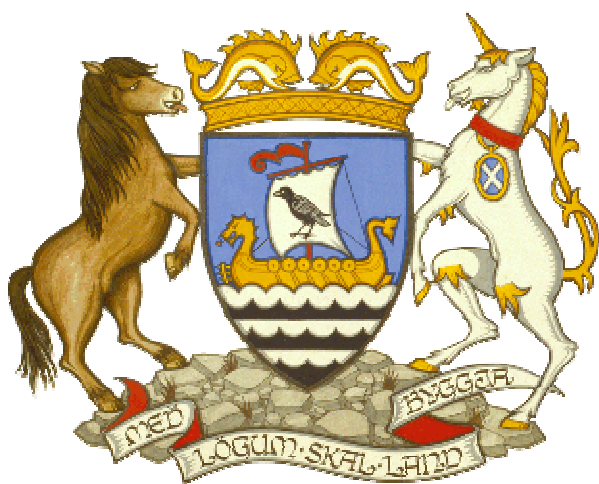


Shetland Johne's Disease Scheme



Scheme Details

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Section One

Aims and Objectives / Duration of Scheme

The Shetland Johne's Disease Scheme (SJDS) is designed to provide a screening service for Johne's Disease in cattle both at the point of livestock entry into Shetland, and in all the existing Shetland cattle herds. Testing is effective in bulls and female cattle over 2 years of age. This Scheme is all-inclusive, and ensures that all relevant cattle entering Shetland, and in all existing 201 cattle herds in Shetland are tested for Johne's Disease. The Scheme is provided as a service for the agricultural community at large, and makes no charge nor levy for testing of imported or existing stock - Aid provided under this scheme is granted in kind by means of subsidized services, and will **not** involve direct payment of money to producers.

By testing imported livestock for disease, the principle aim of SJDS is to sustain disease-free, High Health status of Shetland's cattle, thereby meeting all of the following Objectives:

- To reduce production costs
- To improve or redeploy production
- To improve quality
- To preserve and improve the natural environment, hygiene conditions and animal welfare standards.

Duration of Scheme

The Scheme will open on 1 April 2008, and will run until 31 March 2013.

Section Two

Eligibility for Assistance

Shetland Islands Council will operate SJDS pursuant with Community Veterinary Legislation, and pursuant to block exemption 1875/2006 Chapter 2 Article 10 "Aid in respect of animal and plant diseases and pest infestations".

Section Three

Eligible Works

Shetland Islands Council (SIC) will pay 100% of the costs associated with veterinary surgeons examining and testing cattle imported into and currently present in Shetland for the following diseases, as mentioned in the list of animal diseases established by the World Organisation for Animal Health and/or in the annex to Council Decision 90/424/EEC:

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- Johne's Disease.

Following SIC normal procurement rules, veterinary surgeons involved in the examination and testing program in Shetland will be paid on a quarterly basis upon submission of a report containing the following details:

- Dates and numbers of animals tested
- Details of any positive tests, and remedial action taken by the animal(s) owners
- Invoice for services rendered.

SJDS will be administered and directed in its entirety by Shetland Islands Council.

Ineligible costs

Shetland Islands Council will **not** pay any of the costs incurred in the event that an animal has to be destroyed as a result of testing positive for disease. Under these circumstances the producer to whom the animal belongs will bear the costs of destruction and disposal of the animal in question.

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