

## Annex B: CHeCS Bovine TB Herd Accreditation

Cattle Health Certification Standards, known as CHeCS, is a self-regulatory body for cattle health schemes in the UK and Ireland. It is a non-trading organisation established by the cattle industry for the control and eradication of non-statutory diseases, using a set of standards, including biosecurity standards, to which all licensed cattle health schemes must adhere.

The [Bovine TB Herd Accreditation scheme](#) was launched by Defra's Minister of State, George Eustice MP, in November 2016. The [Scoring System](#) for accredited herds is as follows:

- **10 (minimum risk):** 10 years or more since the last bovine TB breakdown within the herd
- **9 to 1:** The score corresponds to the number of years since the herd regained Officially TB Free (OTF) status after a breakdown.
- **0 (high risk):** The herd is OTF at this point but has had a bovine TB breakdown within the past year.
- **Unclassified/not stated (maximum risk):** Not participating, or the animal is bought-in and cannot use the herd status.

To move up through the scores within the programme, herds must meet the requirements of the statutory scheme and be deemed to be adhering to CHeCS standards.