

PRE-SALE CHECKLIST

Closing Dates: The closing date will be stipulated in the sale schedule. The schedule will be advertised on www.salers.uk and via the designated auctioneers. Entries must be accompanied by a herd health declaration, copies of health scheme certificates and any necessary test results and documentation requested in the schedule. Late entries or entries with incomplete documentation may be rejected.

Tagging: All animals must be double tagged in accordance with current legislation.

Herd Health: Animals must meet the requirements of the Salers Society Herd Health regulations. Vendors must complete and submit a Salers Society Herd Health Declaration for each sale. This should be accompanied by your health scheme providers Owners Declaration of Health Status listing the ear tags of your entries. Be aware that entries of animals not born in your herd may need a separate health certificate depending on the health status of their herd of origin. You will be required to display your CHeCS Herd Health Certificate, or a Health Declaration Pen Card for each animal, supplied by the CHeCs Approved Health Scheme of which you are required to be a member.

Herd Health Requirements: All cattle pedigree and commercial entered for official Society sales must satisfy the following.

BVD Accredited Herd: Entries must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine no more than 12 months prior to the date of sale.

BVD not Accredited Herd: The individual animals which have entered must be tested free of BVD virus and vaccinated at least two weeks prior to the sale date. Females that are sold in-calf or running with the bull must be individually tested and vaccinated before service, with the BVD status of the bull being determined before he serves any females that are to be sold.

Johnes: Members wishing to enter animals for sale must be a member of a CHeCs Approved or comparable Health Scheme and have a risk classification of 1-4 for the disease. (www.cheecs.co.uk).

Beta-mannosidosis: All Fullblood and Purebred animals must have a non-carrier DNA status for beta-mannosidosis.

TB: All entries must comply with current TB pre-movement testing requirements. Cattle coming to Scotland from 1 or 2 year TB testing areas must have passed a TB test within the previous 60 days of the movement. This applies to all cattle over 6 weeks of age. Animals staying in Scotland must pass a post movement TB test carried out between 60 and 120 days following the movement. The current TB test cannot be carried out twice with 42 days or false results may occur. Proof of testing will have to be provided by yourself and dates of testing announced.

DNA: All pedigree animals, males and females including production females must be DNA tested. Males and females must establish their myostatin status and males must hold a DNA SNP profile.

Eyes: The veterinary surgeon may examine the animal's eyes to ensure that the retinas and lenses are sound. The vet retains the right to reject an animal for eye defects.

Dentition: The veterinary surgeon will check the dentition is correct and the incisor teeth are biting on the upper pad. Animals will be rejected from the sale if the vet determines that their bite is severely overshot or undershot.

Scrotal Size: All bulls will have their testicles examined by a vet. Testicles should be firm and even sized. Bulls deemed by the vet to have defective testicles will be rejected from the sale. The circumference at the widest part of the scrotum will be measured and should be 32cms at 12 months of age, 34cms at 18-24 months of age and 36cms over 24 months of age. The measured scrotal circumference will be displayed on the pen, and the Society may require the Auctioneer to announce in the ring that a bull does not meet our standards.

Teats: All female animals will be put through the crush and have their udders / teats examined for defects by the vet. They may be rejected from the sale if significant defects are found.

Diseases etc: Check the animals are free from warts (pay particular attention to the sheath and scrotal areas), Ringworm, Mange, Lice or other contagious diseases.

Treatments: If your entries are showing signs of any of the above conditions and have been treated then a signed veterinary certificate to that effect must accompany your entry.

Locomotion: Check the animal's feet and legs are sound and the general locomotion is satisfactory. The animal may be rejected from the sale if the Society Inspector determines that it is defective in its legs, feet or locomotion. Where possible, allowance will be made for animals that have had a long journey time to the mart.

Docility: All pedigree entries (excluding production females) are to be halter trained and led using bull ring, or nose clip/bulldog for females. The animal may be rejected from the sale if the Society Inspector determines that it is displaying unruly behaviour.

Conformation and Condition: Check the animals are of good conformation and in good condition and meet the minimum weight for age standard as per the Society rulings. The measured weight for bulls will be displayed on the pen, and the Society may require the Auctioneer to announce in the ring that a bull does not meet our standards.

Declarations: If semen has been taken from a bull, this must be declared for inclusion in the catalogue, along with the number of straws retained. If females have been flushed, this must be declared for inclusion in the catalogue, along with the number of embryos retained. If females are in-calf by AI, this must be declared in the catalogue and AI certificates must be provided.

Following arrival at the sale premises all pedigree cattle are subject to an official inspection conducted by a veterinary surgeon and a Society Inspector.

The aim of the inspection is to ensure that all animals sold at sales are of a consistently high quality and are free from any health and/or structural defects.

To avoid the disappointment of having cattle rejected, members should carry out checks before consigning Salers cattle to Society sales.

Further information regarding Society rulings re health, testicle size, and weight for age can be found on the Society website or from the Secretary