Neospora Accreditation Programme
Health Plan

The CHeCS Neospora programme is a graded system (see table) which is designed to enable herds to maintain or move towards clear herd tests. This is achieved through a combination of testing and the implementation of a management programme. It is essential for herds within levels 1-4 to have a health plan in place covering the control of Neospora. **The health plan must be updated annually and endorsed by both vet and farmer.** The health plan must cover both the essential elements (Section C) and advisory elements associated with the programme (Section D).

Section A: Herd Details	
Herd owner:	
Herd Number:	
Address:	

Section B: Veterinary Details	
Practice:	
Case Vet:	
Address:	

Status	Definition
Level 1:	Level 1 status is associated with the lowest risk source when buying in stock. 3 Consecutive clear annual herd tests as well as a Herd Health plan are required.
Level 2:	Herds with level 2 status have had one or two clear consecutive herd tests. Health plan required.
Level 3:	Herds with level 3 status have test positive animals identified at the annual herd test, but these are no more than 5% of the animals tested. Health plan required.
Level 4:	Herds with level 4 status have test positive animals identified at the annual herd test, and these amount to more than 5% of the animals tested. Health plan required.
Level 5:	Any herd that is not carrying out the required testing or does not have a suitable health plan in place automatically falls into this category. Level 5 status is considered to be the greatest risk source when buying in stock.

Section C: Essential Elements of Neospora Herd Health Plan *(To gain a risk level you must be able to answer Yes to Questions 1 to 5)*	Yes	No
1. Has annual testing (herd test of all female animals of 2 years and over and any females between 12 and 24 months intended for breeding) been undertaken?		
2. Where test positive animals have been identified, have you ensured their offspring are not retained for breeding or sold as breeding animals?		

Section C: Essential Elements of Neospora Herd Health Plan	Yes	No
(To gain a risk level you must be able to answer Yes to Questions 1 to 5)		
3. Have all test positive animals been removed from the herd as soon as is practical? *Test positive animals should be culled or removed from the breeding herd at the end of their productive period*		
4. Have all added animals been tested appropriately as per the CHeCS technical document? *Animals should be tested for antibodies to Neospora on the farm of origin and where possible the dams of prospective purchased heifers should also be tested. All tests must yield a negative result for animals to move into your herd.*		
5. Have all abortions and clinical cases been investigated? *The minimum requirement is that the aborting dam is tested for antibodies to neospora.*		

Section D: Advisory Elements for Neospora Herd Health Plan	Yes	No
6. Are placentae, stillborn calves and carcasses removed to a secure location where dogs cannot access as quickly as possible?		
7. Are feed storage facilities dog and vermin proof?		
8. Have you had assurance from feed suppliers that there has been no contamination by dog faecal material?		
9. Are dogs restricted from accessing pasture for cattle grazing or producing cattle forage (advisory requirement)?		

Where the answer to any of the Questions 6-9 the veterinary surgeon must detail below why any particular advisory measure has not been followed:

Herdowner Declaration:

I confirm that the information in this health plan to cover Neospora control is correct

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Veterinary Declaration:

I confirm that I have discussed this health plan and the control of Neospora with my client

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____