

GUIDANCE NOTES

Providing Traceability Information under the Approved Beef Labelling Scheme

This document sets out what traceability information you need to send the Welsh Government in support of your new Beef Labelling Scheme application or request for additional claims.

All new BLS applications or requests for additional claims made to the Welsh Government must include information about your traceability system and your controls. Your written 'specification', which will need to be approved by the Welsh Government, should describe the measures you are taking to ensure the accuracy of the labelling information you give to your customers. You will also need to send the Welsh Government a copy of your label(s) showing the voluntary claim(s) for which you are seeking approval.

Your specification must describe:

- (a) your traceability control system which will be applied at all stages of production and sale (from sourcing of animals, slaughter, cutting/ de-boning, packing, through to retail level, as applicable). I.e. your control system must demonstrate that the beef you sell or supply can be traced back to the animal or group of animals from which it was derived. Depending on your type of business the control system which supports your labelling claims might include the use of cattle passports and ear tags, slaughterhouse records, documents from supplier(s), computer traceability system and records within your business;
- (b) the controls to be carried out by your nominated verifier to ensure the accuracy of your labelling information. For this purpose you will need to contact your verifier to ask how they intend to verify your claim(s). Once you have received approval from the Welsh Government, you will also need to let your verifier have a copy of your approved specification before they carry out their inspection of your control system.

Applications for new and additional claims should be made in writing to
The Welsh Government (Food, Fisheries and Market Development Division),
Rhodfa Padarn,
Llanbadarn Fawr,
Aberystwyth,
Ceredigion,
SY23 3UR.

For further advice contact the Welsh Government on 0300 062 2000.

Information on beef labelling can be found on the Welsh Government website.