

AHVLA News Release

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Invitation to tender issued for TSE rapid testing

An Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) notice has been issued inviting businesses to tender for the provision of TSE rapid testing of fallen stock cattle, sheep and goats, and healthy slaughter sheep and goats.

AHVLA is the National Reference Laboratory for TSEs, and the EU Reference Laboratory for TSEs on behalf of the European Commission. The appointment of National Reference Laboratories is a requirement placed on all European Union Member States by Commission Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.

The purpose of this procurement exercise is to enable AHVLA to meet its requirement to provide TSE rapid testing in line with Annex III of Commission Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.

The proposed volume of testing required for 2012/13 is approximately 160,000 TSE rapid tests. This will include samples from 140, 000 fallen cattle, 10, 000 fallen stock sheep and goats, 2000 fallen or healthy slaughter sheep and goats originating from infected flocks/herds and 10,000 healthy slaughter sheep.

The deadline for receipt of pre-qualifying questionnaires is 30th March 2012.

Further details are available via the AHVLA website at http://vla.defra.gov.uk/services/ser_tse_tender.htm

Please contact TSE_PQQ_Queries@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk for PQQ enquiries related to this tender.

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Note to editors:

1. AHVLA is an executive agency of Defra. It works throughout Great Britain on behalf of Defra, the Welsh Government, the Scottish Government and the Food Standards Agency. We primarily seek to minimise the risk and impact of notifiable animal diseases for the protection of the economy and public health.

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