Pre-Purchase Checklist

Ask your agent or supplier to confirm the following information.

Number and class of animals to be purchased: _____

Vendor details:

Trading name: _____ NAIT number: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Will the animals pass through saleyards prior to arrival?   Yes   No

If yes: Saleyards: _____ Date: _____

Name of trucking company transporting animals: _____

Vendor's vet's business name and phone number: _____

General

- Ask your agent or supplier to provide a list of the animals available for purchase confirming both their description and NAIT identification

- Ask to be provided with the movement history of all the animals, including where is the farm they were born on, and where have they been since, including any grazing properties

- Before the animals leave the farm of origin or saleyards have they been checked to see that:
  - They are visually healthy and fit to be transported (not lame; no injuries, wounds or skin lesions; no active mastitis; no discharges from eyes, nose or mouth; behaving normally)   Yes   No
  - Do they meet the agreed body condition score or liveweight targets in the contract?   Yes   No
  - Have any of the animals been disbudded, dehorned, or castrated in the last 7 days?   Yes   No

- If the animals are pregnant, have you been advised of calving dates?   Yes   No
  (for example, have you been provided with the expected calving date report from MINDA?)

Mycoplasma bovis (M. bovis) – notifiable bacterial disease of cattle

- Have you checked the M. bovis history of the animals, the source herds they come from, and the area they come from?   Yes   No

Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) – notifiable bacterial disease that can also affect people

- Have you checked the TB status of the animals?   Yes   No

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) – viral disease causing infertility, abortion, and decreased immunity. Calves born to infected dams may be Persistently Infected (PI)

- What is the BVD testing status of the source herd?   Bulk milk test   Animal testing

- What is the BVD status of the purchased animals?   Positive   Not tested   Negative
  - Have they been tested to confirm they are not PI carriers of the virus?   Yes   No
  - If yes, ask your agent or supplier to provide a certificate of this.

- Have the purchased animals been vaccinated against BVD?   Yes   No
  - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date given: _____

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Leptospirosis – bacterial disease, a health and safety risk for people on farm, and a cause of reproductive failure in cattle and a decrease in milk production.

- Is the source herd vaccinated against Leptospirosis?　　　　　　　　　　Yes　　　No

- Have the purchased animals been vaccinated against Leptospirosis?　　　Yes　　　No

  - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date given: _____

Other vaccinations – for example Salmonella, Rotovirus, IBR, clostridial diseases (5 in 1, 7 in 1)

- Have the purchased animals been vaccinated against any other diseases?　　Yes　　　No

  - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date given: _____
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  - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date given: _____

Other treatments

- Have the purchased animals received any mineral (eg magnesium, copper, calcium, selenium) or vitamin supplements?　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Yes　　　No

  - If yes: Product: _____ Date most recently given: _____

- Have the purchased animals received any zinc treatment (for facial eczema)?　　Yes　　　No

  - If yes: Product: _____ Date most recently given: _____

Drenching and pour-on treatments

- Have the purchased animals been treated for internal or external parasites?　　Yes　　　No

  - If yes: Product: _____ Date given: _____

- Does the source herd have any history of drench resistance?　　Yes　　　No　　　Don't know

Mastitis (milking cows only)

- Have you viewed the Somatic Cell Count (SCC) and mastitis records of the purchased animals?　　Yes　　　No

Other animal health information

Is there any other health information that is important for the purchaser of the animals from this herd to know about?
For example, other diseases on farm (eg incidence of lameness, arthritis, pneumonia, general calf health, slips and abortions, Theileria, Johnes Disease, Digital Dermatitis), or treatments given.

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