

## **Veterinary Testing Protocol Summary Sheet**

The disease status of the Tully bulls on entry is critical. It is crucial that all veterinary surgeons assume best practice when participating in the scheme. Previous or same-day contact with other cattle will necessitate that boot disinfection, hand-washing and other hygiene standards are implemented.

### **The candidate bull**

Two (2) plain serum samples (red top tubes) should be taken from each candidate bull, including:

1 serum tube to be sent for brucellosis testing to:

*Brucellosis laboratory, Model Farm Rd, Bishopstown, Cork*

1 serum tube to be sent for *EBL, IBR, BVD* (antibody/antigen) and Johne's testing to:

*Tully Test Centre, Tully West, Kildare*

### **The dam of the bull and other animals on the farm**

IBR antibody test - *gB ELISA (and gE ELISA if vaccinated with IBR vaccine,)*

#### **a. The dam of the bull**

One (1) plain serum sample should be taken from the dam of each candidate bull for IBR and Johne's testing and sent to:

*Tully Test Centre, Tully West, Kildare*

#### **b. Other animals on the farm**

One (1) plain serum sample should be taken from each of the other animals listed on the collection sheet. If any of these animals are no longer on the farm, please use the reserve list to select the equivalent number of replacement animals to bleed. Send these samples for IBR and Johne's testing to:

*Tully Test Centre, Tully West, Kildare*

**Ensure all samples are labelled clearly and are accompanied by the appropriately fully completed and signed submission form(s).**