

## Appendix TR.c.7 (also relevant to the definition of assured livestock and meat products)

### Verification of assurance - recognised assurance schemes relevant to abattoirs slaughtering cattle, sheep, pigs or poultry

	Farm	Market	Collection Centres	Transport
<b>Cattle and Sheep</b>	RTA for Farms – Beef and Lamb Scheme FAWL Scheme QMS Farm Assurance – Cattle and Sheep Scheme NIBL FQAS	RTA for Livestock – Markets and Collection Centre Scheme QMS – Auction Market Assurance Scheme	RTA for Livestock – Markets and Collection Centre Scheme QMS – Auction Market Assurance Scheme	RTA for Livestock – Transport Scheme QMS – Livestock Haulage Scheme The assured farmer's vehicle, for transporting his own livestock (and in Northern Ireland only, for transporting livestock for up to 5 assured neighbours)
<b>Pigs</b>	RTA for Farms – Pigs Scheme QMS Farm Assurance – Pigs Scheme	RTA for Livestock – Markets Scheme. Only applicable if market is certified to handle assured pigs and if assured pigs move direct to slaughter from market	RTA for Livestock – Markets and Collection Centre Scheme. Only applicable if site is certified to handle assured pigs and if for assured sows, moving direct to slaughter from collection centre.	RTA for Livestock – Transport Scheme QMS – Livestock Haulage Scheme The assured farmer's vehicle, for transporting his own livestock
<b>Poultry</b>	RTA for Farms - All Poultry Schemes (includes parent hatcheries, breeder farms, commercial hatcheries and grower farms)	N/A	N/A	RTA Poultry Catching & Transport Scheme

**RTA** – Red Tractor Assurance    **FAWL** – Farm Assured Welsh Livestock    **QMS** – Quality Meat Scotland  
**NIBL FQAS** – Northern Ireland Beef & Lamb Farm Quality Assurance Scheme

## VERIFYING ASSURANCE STATUS

	Information to be verified	Tips	Accepted methods of verification		
			Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
<b>Farm, Market or Collection Centre Holding</b>	In GB: CPH + Farm address + Business Name In NI (cattle and sheep): Herd/ flock number + Farm address + Business name	The farm must have been assured on the day livestock left the holding. Assurance status can change on any day. Assurance must be verified each time a supplier sends livestock to the site	Cross reference the passport/food chain information/ entry forms with farm assurance scheme online checkers	Cross reference the animal movement licence (AML) with farm assurance scheme online checkers	Review online e-AML
			In England RTA Tracker system/ integrated data systems		
			In Northern Ireland, verify via APHIS		
<b>Residency Period</b>	That the livestock have been on-farm for the correct time period before being described as assured	Pigs – whole life Cattle – minimum 90days Sheep – minimum 60days Goats – whole life The residency period starts from the day of arrival on the holding and includes the day the livestock moved-off the holding	Using the passport verify how long the vendor has owned the livestock. If less than the minimum residency, verify that the previous owner was assured the day the livestock moved off that holding Use the online Red Tractor residency calculator	Use a signed farmer declaration	Review e-AML information
<b>Livestock Transport Vehicles</b>	The certification status of the vehicle on the day livestock were transported	Verifying that the haulage business is assured alone is insufficient. Checks must be made on individual transport containers (ideally) or vehicles.	If transported by the farmer-owner, use confirmation that their farm holding is assured to confirm their vehicles are assured for transporting their own livestock only, except in the case of NI where the farmer may transport the livestock of neighbouring farmers, provided certain conditions are met  If transported by a commercial haulier, verify the chassis number (ideally) or registration number against the RT or QMS online checkers		
<b>Assured Meat Processors</b>	The certification status of the site		Review the sites relevant certificates as a minimum annually. Require a declaration of the assurance status of all incoming meat and meat products. Certification status can also be confirmed by contacting the sites certification body (stated on their certificate)		