

VERIFYING ASSURANCE STATUS

	Information to be verified	Tips	Accepted methods of verification		
			Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Farm, Market or Collection Centre Holding	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 vendor sells livestock	Cross reference the passport stickers/ entry forms with online checkers	Cross reference the animal movement licence (AML) with online checkers	Review online e-AML
			Use combination of signed farmer declaration (must use set wording in template) + review of suspension list		
			In England RTA Tracker system/ integrated data systems		
			In Northern Ireland, verify via APHIS		
Residency Period	That the livestock have been on-farm for the correct time period before being described as assured	Pigs – whole life Cattle – 90days Sheep – 60days Goats – whole life This must be verified for livestock close to entering the food chain i.e. finished livestock or forward stores Use the online Red Tractor residency calculator. Please note the day of movement onto the holding is not counted as an eligible day within the residency period.	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 a signed, farmer declaration	Review e-AML information
Livestock Transport Vehicles	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 registration and/ or container number against the RT online checkers.		