

# The Slaughter Premium Scheme

**ELIGIBILITY FOR SLAUGHTER PREMIUM IS DETERMINED BY USING THE CATTLE MOVEMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (CMMS). THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY QUERIES AND DELAYS TO YOUR PAYMENTS, IT IS UP TO YOU, THE PRODUCER TO ENSURE THAT:**

- When buying or selling animals you ensure that the mart, abattoir, export point and factory records your number correctly for that transaction.
- If a dealer is selling or buying cattle on your behalf, please ensure the herd number recorded for this transaction is your herd number, not the dealer's number.
- If you have recently been issued with a new herdnumber, ensure this herdnumber is used when selling or buying animals.
- All animals on your holding are recorded in your Bovine Herd Register and that the movement of animals into and out of your herd is up to date at all times. Sales dockets, purchase dockets and movement notifications must be kept.
- Calves are tagged **within 20 days of birth (identical tags in each ear)**.
- You register all calves with South Western Services, Bandon, **within 7 days of tagging**.
- The date of birth, gender, dam number and breed of sire are recorded correctly.
- You enter your herd number and sign the back of the passport/cattle identity card for each animal you purchase. Please check that this information has been recorded on your card/passport before selling animals through a mart, abattoir, factory or privately.
- Your animals are properly tagged **at all times**, especially before dispatch for sale, slaughter, or export.
- You notify the South Western Services, Bandon, of all on-farm deaths, within 7 days.
- You notify the South Western Services, Bandon, of any private purchases and/or sales.

## **YOU WILL RECEIVE THREE NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING THE ANIMALS BEING QUERIED UNDER YOUR HERD NUMBER**

- The first notification will be in a statement format listing all eligible, ineligible and query animals under your herd number. If the animals listed in the eligible and ineligible categories are correct, no further action will be required. You will be required to check your records to resolve query animals and missing animals on your statement.
- A second notification will follow requesting you to resolve the outstanding query animals under your herd number within 14 days.
- A final notification will issue informing you that the unresolved query animals will be deleted from your application and deemed ineligible for Slaughter Premium under your herd number.

## **COMMON ERRORS.**

1. **Failure to submit Cattle Movement Notification forms for all private purchases and/or sales (including sales to agents/dealers).**
2. **Failure to forward Cattle Movement Notification forms/movement permits to South Western Services, Bandon.**
3. **Failure to complete the back of passports when animals move into the herd.**
4. **Failure to record movements of animals into and out of the herd on the Bovine Herd Register.**
5. **Failure to ensure that all bovine animals on the holding have corresponding cards/passports, are recorded correctly on the Bovine Herd Register and tagged properly with BTE tags.**
6. **Failure to ensure animals are slaughtered under the correct herdnumber.**
7. **Failure to return signed Producer Acknowledgement forms.**