

Statement from Genetics Australia Holdings Pty Ltd. (GAH)

To Whom it May Concern,

If a bull or female is purchased North of the Bluetongue line:

On this day and according to the current agreed protocol between the USA and Australia for bovine genetic material collection, the vendor who selects GAH for the care of their animal, needs to acknowledge that the animal requires to be on the GAH centre for a minimum of 60 days prior to genetic material collection. This is due to GAH being in a Bluetongue free zone in South-West Victoria, therefore isolation over testing can be selected to allow genetic material to be qualified for export to the USA.

The minimum 60-day period begins from the day the animal enters isolation at GAH and during this time, the animal can undertake the required protocol testing for the USA or in the case of embryos donors, their stimulus program.

Please note that for animals to be marketed to the European Union, bulls as a minimum need to be tested IBR negative and donors are to have not resided on more than 2 properties in the last 6 months of the date of embryo collection.