

**Action Note 2020-06-02 : Chapter 6 Notifiable Diseases
Annex 24 – Aujeszky’s Disease Training Note**

Purpose:

This action note is to amend Annex 24 of Chapter 6 and inform field staff of a change to the procedure for collecting samples of blood from breeding boars for the purpose of demonstrating continuing freedom from Aujeszky’s disease.

Background:

This action note is issued following an enquiry from one of our approved abattoirs whether it would be possible to take the samples for Aujeszky’s from the heart after evisceration, rather than from the carcass at the neck site.

APHA have consulted their pig expert group leader and the lab testing leader and concluded that this is possible, as a change in the sampling site makes no difference on the test result.

However, they noted that it is important for the sample to be well stored and dispatched without undue delay.

Field Staff are required to:

- Note that the sample for Aujeszky’s can be taken from any freshly cut muscle still part of the carcass, as close as possible to the carcass inspection point, ensuring there is sufficient blood for the ELISA discs, as per Chapter 2.4, Section 4.9.4.
- Lead OVs to ensure that the Action note is read by all FSS staff and this is noted in the day book.
- Save the action note on their laptop for reference alongside a downloaded copy of the SMOC.
- Where necessary, print a copy for the plant file.

Operations admin are required to:

- Upload to the Action Note Live Folder and update the Operations Action Note tracker.
- Forward to Website mailbox (website@fss.scot) for publication on the website in publications.

The action note will remain live until either incorporated in the SMOC, or revoked. Operations Admin will maintain copies of the live and revoked action notes. Comms will add a link to action notes in the relevant portion of the SMOC.

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