

GLOSSARY

Ad-hoc retrieval	Specific request for information from the VIDA database available via CERA, VLA Weybridge.
BSE	Bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
CERA	Centre for Epidemiology and Risk Analysis (formerly the Epidemiology Department, VLA Weybridge).
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (incorporating MAFF)
DSC	Disease Surveillance Centre (previously VIC) of the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) Veterinary Science Division.
Incident	First diagnosis of a disease from a submission.
NR	Not recorded.
PRRS	Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome.
Specimen	Material of one type, from one animal or a group of animals, or material from the environment of one animal or a group of animals. For example: blood, faeces, milk or a complete carcass or a bag containing hatchery debris.
SRM	Specific risk material (with reference to TSE controls)
Submission	This consists of only ONE SPECIMEN TYPE (except

foetal diagnostic material) but may be more than one specimen.

Diagnostic submission A submission for which a diagnosis is applicable (see 'Bias in VIDA, p.1)

TSE Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy.

VIC Veterinary Investigation Centre (now renamed VLA Regional Laboratories).

VLA Veterinary Laboratories Agency.