

EXD568(BT)E

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations S.I. 2008/962 (as amended by S.I. 2012/1977) – regulation 19

Bluetongue general licence for using inactivated vaccine in a bluetongue-free area

The Secretary of State declared the ending of all bluetongue restricted zones in England on the 5 July 2011.

Directive 2012/5/EU amends Council Directive 2000/75/EC to allow inactivated bluetongue vaccine to be used outside of a restricted zone, and this has been transposed in England through an amendment to the Bluetongue Regulations S.I. 2008/962 by the Bluetongue (Amendment) Regulations S.I. 2012/1977.

The Secretary of State has carried out a specific risk assessment that has resulted in her deciding to allow the use of inactivated bluetongue vaccine in England, and she has informed the EU Commission of that decision in accordance with regulation 19(4) of the Bluetongue Regulations S.I. 2008/962 (as amended).

The Secretary of State hereby grants this general licence so that inactivated vaccine with a marketing authorisation granted by the European Medicines Agency to protect against bluetongue serotypes 1, 2, 4 and 8 may be used to vaccinate ruminating animals pursuant to regulation 19(1) of the Bluetongue Regulations S.I. 2008/962 (as amended).

This licence comes into force at 00:01 on 24 August 2012.

Signed by:

Rory O'Donnell
Authorised by the Secretary of State

Date: 23 August 2012