

**EXD584(E)**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) - Regulations 10 and 28.

**General licence for movements of animals from a premises within a temporary control zone (TCZ) to an abattoir within the same TCZ for slaughter during the seasonally vector low period.**

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I being an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 as amended ("the Regulations") permit, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule attached, the movement of ruminant animals within a bluetongue temporary control zone to slaughter.

This licence is valid from 14:00 on 1 February 2024

Veterinary Inspector

Name: Katherine Lumb

Signature:

Date: 16:48 on 7 February 2024

Veterinary Inspector appointed by Secretary of State, the Welsh Ministers and the Scottish Ministers.

## **Schedule of Conditions**

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1. If any animal displays signs that may be indicative of Bluetongue infection, they should be kept isolated from the rest of the herd or flock and reported to the APHA immediately. In such a case, the movement shall not take place.
2. Before the animals are loaded onto the vehicle, the licensee must ensure that the requirements in condition 4 are complied with.
3. After the unloading of animals, prior to the vehicle leaving the destination premises, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 4 are complied with.
4. The requirements referred to in condition 2 and 3 are:
  - a) The animal area of the vehicle is cleansed adequately ensuring it is free of organic matter that could attract midges prior to treatment in part b.
  - b) The animal area of the vehicle must have been treated with an insecticide.
  - c) Any Insecticide applied must allowed to fully dry prior to loading any animals.All persons relying on this licence should be satisfied that this has been done.
5. The move through the Temporary Control Zone must be direct and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available.
6. Multiple pick-ups or drop-offs are not permitted.
7. Animals must be slaughtered as soon as practical after arrival and in any case animals must be slaughtered within 24 hours.
8. Licensee should ensure that record keeping systems are in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
9. This licence is only to be used if the movement is from an unrestricted premises within a TCZ to another unrestricted premises within the same TCZ.
10. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years records of:
  - a. Number of animals moved and their identification numbers.
  - b. Insecticides and repellents used.
11. When moving anything under the authority of this licence, a person must carry with them a consignment note. The consignment note must include—
  - a. the species and number of animals being moved,
  - b. the date of the movement,
  - c. the name of the consignor,
  - d. the address of the premises from which the movement started,
  - e. the name of the consignee, and
  - f. the address of the premises of destination.

### **Notes**

1. 'The relevant authority' means the Secretary of State in England.
2. "The Regulations" means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended).

3. "Animal" means a ruminating animal or camelid. Ruminating animals includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, goats, deer and camels.
4. Abattoirs should be operating in a way to deter midge activity at the destination premises as much as possible, using approved insecticide where appropriate. Insecticide must be fully dry before animals are present.
5. This licence cannot be used to move animals out of a Temporary Control Zone, except where it is reasonable and justifiable that the vehicle transits outside the Temporary Control Zone (without stopping at any premises) on its route to the destination premises in the same Temporary Control Zone.
6. The insecticide used on vehicles used to transport animals moved under the authority of this licence must be effective, as per the manufacturer's instructions, against flying insects, ideally Culicoides (midges). It should ideally contain the active ingredients: pyrethrin or synthetic pyrethroids. Ideally, they should be used in a spray format and be suitable for use indoors. It must be currently authorised by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) as a biocidal product for use in the UK, under either the Control of Pesticides Regulations or the Biocidal Products Regulations.

The licensee should check and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for the conditions of use of any products applied to the vehicles used to transport animals being moved under the authority of this licence.

These lists of products can be found here:

Control of Pesticides Regulations (HSE) approved biocidal products:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/copr/approved.htm>

Biocidal Products Regulations (HSE) approved biocidal products:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/uk-authorised-biocidal-products.htm>

7. Nothing in this Licence removes the user's obligations under The Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 (SI No, 1724) to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle.
8. All requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended) and licences under that Order must be met.
9. All movements are subject to the animals being properly identified and accompanied by the appropriate duly completed movement documentation. Movements must comply with routine movement standstill and reporting requirements.
10. A person moving anything under the authority of this licence must, if asked to do so by an inspector, or other officer of the Secretary of State, give his name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
11. All requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended) and licences under that Order must be met.
12. All movements are subject to the animals being properly identified and accompanied by the appropriate duly completed movement documentation. In the case of cattle this will be the passport and for other species the relevant completed AML form. The movements must also be reported within 3 days - to BCMS in the case of cattle (either by using CTS-online or by completing and posting one of the movement cards in the passport) and to the local authority

for other species (by sending a copy of the AML form to the Local Authority). Sheep, goat and deer movements can also be reported online, using the Livestock Information Service (LIS).

13. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
14. If you suspect notifiable disease, you must report this immediately to Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.
15. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
16. Contact the APHA on the number provided above or your Local Authority (LA) for further advice on biosecurity measures and any other legislation that may apply.

**Any person who contravenes any requirement or prohibition of a declaration made under these Regulations may be committing an offence and maybe liable on summary conviction to a level 5 fine on the standard scale or to 3 months imprisonment or both.**