

EXD602(E) (GL)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) - Regulations 10 and 12.

General licence for movements of animals from within a bluetongue temporary control zone (TCZ) to a slaughterhouse in England for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

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 animals from within a Temporary Control Zone to a Designated slaughterhouse for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence is valid from 19:30 on 04/09/2024

Veterinary Inspector

Signed by: Radu Pancu

Date: 19:30 on 04/09/2024

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

Schedule of Conditions

1. The movement of animals shall be directly from the source premises within a Temporary Control Zone to a Designated slaughterhouse in England. The source premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice.
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 - a) Immediately prior to the move, the licensee must inspect the animals to be moved under authority of this licence for clinical signs of Bluetongue infection. If any animal inspected shows clinical signs of Bluetongue infection, the animal should be kept isolated from the rest of the herd/flock, and this must be reported to APHA immediately. In such a case, the movements under this licence shall not take place.
 - b) If Bluetongue is suspected or confirmed at the source premises, the movements under this licence shall not take place.
3. The licensee must ensure that prior to loading animals, the requirements of condition 5 are complied with.
4. After unloading of animals, prior to the vehicle leaving the destination premises (designated slaughterhouse), the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 5 are complied with.
5. The requirements referred to in condition 3 and 4 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
6. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises.
7. After leaving a Temporary Control Zone, the movement to the slaughterhouse must be direct and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available.
8. Subject to the conditions outlined in the Disease Control Order 2003 General Licence for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs, scheduled stops are permitted at the following locations:
 - a. Motorway service stations
 - b. Official lay-by (on a trunk/main road)
 - c. Lorry Park or similar place
9. Multiple pick-ups or drop-offs are not permitted.
10. Animals must arrive at the slaughterhouse at least 1 hour after sunrise and 2 hours before sunset. The licensee must schedule the movement accordingly. Animals must be slaughtered as soon as practical after arrival and in any case, animals must be slaughtered within 24 hours of arrival.
11. Prior to leaving the source premises the licensee must arrange an arrival time with the slaughterhouse operator to ensure the animals can be slaughtered in accordance with the timings stated in condition 10.
12. The destination slaughterhouse, unless explicitly agreed by APHA, must be in England and Designated under the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended).

13. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years records of:
 - a. Number of animals moved and their identification numbers.
 - b. Insecticides used.

 14. When moving anything under the authority of this licence, a person must carry 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.
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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 and deer. Camelid includes camels, llamas and alpacas.
4. The slaughterhouse must be designated under Regulation 14 of The Regulations. Check the list of [designated slaughterhouses](#) before commencing your movement.
5. Full details of scheduled stops can be found in Annex C of the General Licence made under the Disease Control Order for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs on gov.uk: : [General licence for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs: annex A to C - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
6. The vehicle must be clear of material likely to attract midges immediately prior to loading at the source premises and after unloading at the destination premises. The animal area of the vehicle should be treated with an insecticide and allowed to fully dry prior to loading animals at the source premises and after unloading at the destination premises.
7. Animals should ideally arrive at the slaughterhouse and be slaughtered at least 1 hour after sunrise and 2 hours before sunset to avoid the times of peak vector activity.
8. The slaughterhouse operator is required to slaughter animals at least 1 hour after sunrise and 2 hours before sunset to avoid the times of peak vector activity. In the case of delay in arrival, the licensee must contact APHA. In any case animals must be slaughtered within 24 hours of arrival.
9. This licence cannot be used to move animals to slaughter from an infected premises (IP) or other premises under a bluetongue restriction notice. A specific licence needs to be used to complete these moves.

10. The insecticide applied to vehicles used to transport animals moved under the authority of this licence must be effective against flying insects, ideally *Culicoides* spp. (midges), and applied as per the manufacturer's instructions,). 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.

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.

11. The requirements set out in the licence do not remove 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
14. All requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended) and licences under that Order must be met.
15. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
16. If you suspect notifiable disease you must report this immediately to Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.
17. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
18. 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 a provision of a Declaration made under the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) shall commit an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to imprisonment not exceeding 3 months or to both.