

## **EXD601 (E) (GL)**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) - Regulation 10.

### **General licence for movements of animals to a slaughterhouse located in a Temporary Control Zone in England for the purpose of immediate slaughter**

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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 animals to a slaughterhouse located in a Temporary Control Zone (TCZ), for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence revokes and replaced the licence EXD601(E)(GL) valid from 14:45 on 05/9/24.

This licence is valid from 14:45 on 05/09/2024

To be completed by a Veterinary Inspector:

Signed by: Radu Pancu

Date: 14:45 on 05/09/2024

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

## Schedule of Conditions

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1. The source premises must be located:
  - a) in the same temporary control zone as the destination slaughterhouse; or
  - b) outside of the temporary control zone.
2. The destination slaughterhouse must be located within a bluetongue temporary control zone.
3. Animals located within a temporary control zone, or from the point they enter the temporary control zone, must be moved directly to the destination slaughterhouse.
4. The source premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice.
5. Animals must not be moved into Scotland or Wales, except where they originate from a source premises in that territory.
6.
  - 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.
  - b) 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.
  - c) If bluetongue is suspected or confirmed in other stock at the source premises, the movements under this licence shall not take place. You may request a specific licence via APHA.
7. Where the source premises is located within any bluetongue zone, the licensee must ensure that prior to loading animals, the requirements of condition 9 are complied with.
8. After unloading of animals, prior to the vehicle leaving the destination slaughterhouse, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 9 are complied with.
9. The requirements referred to in condition 7 and 8 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.
  - d) All persons relying on this licence should be satisfied that this has been done
10. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises.
11. Once within 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.
12. Subject to the requirements outlined in Note 5, 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

13. Multiple pick-ups are not permitted within a temporary control zone. Multiple drop-offs are not permitted after entering bluetongue zones.
14. Animals must be slaughtered within 24 hours of arrival at the destination slaughterhouse or related lairage.
15. 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.
16. 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, the Scottish Ministers in Scotland and the Welsh Ministers in Wales.
2. "The Regulations" means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended), the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 (as amended) and the Bluetongue (Wales) 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 does not need to be designed under Regulation 14 of the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 or the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008, or Article 18 of the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 (as amended). Where it is operating as a designated slaughterhouse it must comply with the conditions of designation.
5. When loaded with animals from the temporary control zone, scheduled stops at the locations specified in condition 12 may be permitted if:
  - The vehicle must be parked on a hard standing.
  - The vehicle must be parked at least 100 metres away from any animals (including those on a vehicle that is using the same facility).
  - The vehicle must carry a cleansing and disinfection portable kit (i.e. a bucket, water, approved disinfectant and a brush) or if none carried, the place in which the vehicle is stopped must have cleansing and disinfection facilities.
  - Any bedding, litter, dung, urine etc. leaking from the vehicle must be cleaned up and the area disinfected before the vehicle leaves; any solid waste material must be bagged and put in a separate compartment on the vehicle to which animals do not have access and taken to the point of destination for disposal.
  - A record of the place(s) where and time(s) when stopped must be kept by the driver and retained for at least 6 months.

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 the slaughterhouse operator should ideally slaughter the animals in the period between 1 hour after sunrise and 2 hours before sunset to avoid the times of peak vector activity.
8. This licence cannot be used to move animals to slaughter from premises under a bluetongue premises restriction notice. A specific licence is required to complete these moves.
9. 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.
10. 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) The Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (Wales) (No. 3) Order 2003 (SI No.W.213), or The Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (SI No. 653) to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle.
11. 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.
12. A person moving anything under the authority of this licence must, if asked to do so by an inspector, or other officer of the relevant authority, give their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
13. All requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended) (SI No. 1729), The Disease Control (Wales) Order 2003 (as amended) (SI No. W.211) and the Disease Control (Interim measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 (as amended) (SI No. 34) and licences under those orders must be met.
14. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
15. If you suspect notifiable disease you must report this immediately to Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.
16. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
17. 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), the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 (as amended) or the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 (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.**