

## **EXD603(E) (GL)**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) - Regulations 13, 14 and 28.  
The Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 – Regulations 14.

### **General licence for movements of animals from within a restricted zone (RZ), protection zone (PZ) or surveillance zone (SZ) to a Designated slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter.**

I being an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers for the purposes of the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended), the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 (as amended) (“the Regulations”) permit, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule attached, the movement of animals from within a restricted zone, protection zone or surveillance zone to a Designated slaughterhouse outside the zone of origin, for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence is valid from 15.55 on 06/09/2024

Veterinary Inspector

Signed by: Sarah Lloyd

Date: 15.55 on 06/09/2024

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

## Schedule of Conditions

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1. The movement of animals shall be directly from a premises located within a bluetongue Protection, Surveillance or Restricted Zone in England direct to a slaughterhouse
2. The source premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice.
3. The destination slaughterhouse at condition 1 must be in England or Wales and Designated to slaughter animals under The Regulations.
4. 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 or other animal at the source premises displays signs that may be indicative of bluetongue infection, the animal should be kept isolated from the rest of the herd/flock, and this should be reported to APHA immediately. In such a case, the movement shall not take place.
5. The licensee must ensure that prior to loading animals, the requirements of condition 7 are complied with.
6. After unloading of animals, prior to the vehicle leaving the destination slaughterhouse, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 7 are complied with.
7. The requirements referred to in condition 5 and 6 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 in accordance with the label.
  - c) Any Insecticide applied must be allowed to fully dry prior to loading any animals.
  - d) All persons relying on this licence should be satisfied that this has been done.
8. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises.
9. Multiple pick-ups are ONLY permitted within the zone of origin. Multiple pick-ups outside of the zone of origin are NOT permitted.
10. Single or multiple pick-ups are NOT permitted in the free area prior to picking up animals in a Restricted Zone, Protection Zone or Surveillance Zone.
11. All multiple pick-ups must take place on the periphery of premises using the approved methods described below:
  - a. Tailgating
  - b. Use of pens
  - c. Temporary pens
12. After leaving the zone of origin, the movement to the abattoir must be direct and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available.
13. Subject to the conditions outlined in the Disease Control Order 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

14. Multiple drop-offs are not permitted.
  15. Animals must arrive at the slaughterhouse and be slaughtered 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.
  16. Prior to leaving the source premises the licensee must arrange an arrival time with the abattoir operator to ensure the animals can be slaughtered in accordance with the timings stated in condition 15.
  17. 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.
  18. 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 and Welsh Ministers in Wales.
2. "The Regulations" means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) and the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008.
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. "Designated" means the slaughterhouse is designated 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). The list of designated slaughterhouses can be found at [Bluetongue movement licences and designated slaughterhouses](http://www.gov.uk) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
5. This licence is authorising a movement which is otherwise prohibited by the declaration of Protection Zone, Surveillance Zone, and/or Restricted Zone (under the Regulations), subject to compliance with the terms of this licence.
6. A licence is not required for slaughter within the same zone or when moving to a zone inside the zone of origin. Licenses are required for:
  - Source premise within a protection zone to slaughter within a surveillance zone, restricted zone or free area.
  - Source premises within a surveillance zone to slaughter within a restricted zone or free area
  - Source premises within a restricted zone to slaughter in a free area
7. Annex B (multiple pick-ups and drop-offs) and C (scheduled stops) from the general licence under the Disease Control Order 2002 for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs, as

mentioned in condition 11 and 13, can be found on gov.uk: [General licence for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs: annex A to C - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-licence-for-the-movement-of-cattle-sheep-goats-and-pigs-annex-a-to-c)

8. 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.
9. Under this licence movements can originate in a Restricted Zone, Protection Zone or Surveillance Zone. However, once the animal leaves its zone of origin it must then travel directly to slaughter.
10. This licence must not be used for movements of animals located at source premises within a Control Zone or Temporary Control Zone, or to a slaughterhouse within a Control Zone or Temporary Control Zone.
11. This licence cannot be used to move animals off an infected premises (IP) to slaughter. The EXD576 specific licence needs to be used to complete these moves.
12. Animals should arrive at the slaughterhouse and 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.
13. The insecticide applied to vehicles used to transport animals moved under the authority of this licence must be effective against flying insects, ideally Culicoides (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.

14. The requirements set out in this licence do not remove the user's obligations under The Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 (SI No, 1724) and the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (Wales) (No.3) Order 2003 (SI No, 1968 (W. 213)) to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. All requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended) and the Disease Control (Wales) Order 2003 and licences under these Orders must be met.
18. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
19. If you suspect notifiable disease you must report this immediately to Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. In Wales contact the helpline on 0300 303 8268.
20. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.

21. 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 this 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.