

EXD628(E)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) – Regulation 15(2)

General licence for movements of animals originating from within a bluetongue zone, moving from an approved ‘red market’ to a Designated slaughterhouse or Restricted Zone slaughterhouse for 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 below, the movement of animals originating from within a bluetongue zone from an approved “red market” to a Designated slaughterhouse or Restricted Zone slaughterhouse, for the purpose of slaughter within 24 hours of conclusion of the day’s market at which the animal was offered for sale.

This licence is valid from 16:20 on 25/09/2024

Veterinary Inspector

Name: Radu Pancu

Signature: Radu Pancu

Date: 16:20 on 25/09/2024

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

Schedule of Conditions

Any person moving an animal under the authority of this licence must comply with the following conditions.

1. The movement of animals authorised by this licence shall be directly from an approved “red market” located outside of a bluetongue zone in England direct to a Designated slaughterhouse or Restricted Zone slaughterhouse in England, Wales, or Scotland.
2. 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 premises displays signs that may be indicative of bluetongue infection:
 - a. This should be reported to APHA immediately
 - b. The animal must be isolated from the rest of the herd/flock; and
 - c. The movement shall not take place.
3. The licensee must ensure that immediately prior to loading animals at the source premises, the requirements of condition 5 are complied with.
4. After unloading of animals, and prior to the vehicle leaving the destination premises, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 5 are complied with.
5. The requirements referred to in conditions 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 sub-paragraph b.
 - b. The animal area of the vehicle is treated with an approved insecticide.
 - c. Any insecticide applied to the vehicle is allowed to fully dry prior to loading any animals.
 - d. All persons relying on this licence should be satisfied that this has been done.
6. The insecticide used on vehicles used to transport animals moved under the authority of this licence must be effective against flying insects, ideally *Culicoides* spp. (midges). It should ideally contain the active ingredients: pyrethrin or synthetic pyrethroids. 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.
7. Once the animals are loaded and the journey has commenced, animals must not be unloaded until arrival at the destination premises.
8. The move to the destination must be direct, by public highways, and by the route that is considered likely to be the fastest available.
9. Multiple pick-ups or drop-offs during transport are not permitted.
10. 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

11. 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.
 12. Animals must be slaughtered as soon as practical after arrival and, in any case, animals must be slaughtered within 24 hours of the conclusion of the day's market at which the animal was offered for sale.
 13. 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 conditions 11 and 12.
 14. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years records of:
 - a. The number of animals moved,
 - b. The identification numbers of the animals moved,
 - c. Insecticides used.
 15. 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 (the market),
 - e. The name of the consignee, and
 - f. The address of the premises of destination.
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Notes

1. This licence is authorising a movement which is otherwise prohibited by a notice served under regulation 15(1) of the Regulations, subject to compliance with the terms of this licence.
2. "The Regulations" means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended)
3. A "bluetongue zone" means a Temporary Control Zone (TCZ), Control Zone (CZ), Restricted Zone (RZ), Protection Zone (PZ), Prevention Zone, or Surveillance Zone (SZ) under regulations 10, 12, 13, 13A and 13B of the Regulations.
4. "Animal" means a ruminating animal or camelid. Ruminating animals include but are not limited to cattle, sheep, goats, deer. Camelids include but are not limited to camels, llamas and alpacas.
5. "Red market" means premises where a dedicated slaughter collection or dedicated slaughter sale are held for the purposes of the Animal Gatherings Order 2010.
6. An "approved red market" means a market which has been approved by the Secretary of State under form EXD625 for the purpose of accepting animals from bluetongue zones for the purpose of sale for immediate slaughter.
7. "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 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

8. An official of the approved “red market” will be required to provide the identification numbers, details of new keepers and details of the destination slaughterhouse of animals moved under this licence, by email to APHA, within 24 hours of conclusion of the day’s market. The details of this are provided in EXD625.
9. 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 to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle.
10. All requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended) and licences under that Order must be adhered to.
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 as detailed in the Disease Control Order 2002 for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs.
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 Secretary of State, give their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
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 of a licence granted under the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) is committing an offence and may be liable on summary conviction to a level 5 fine on the standard scale or to 3 months imprisonment or both.