

EXD606(E)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) – Regulation 13  
Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (England) Order 2002 (as amended) – Article 5A

## **General licence for the movement of animals from a bluetongue zone to a bluetongue approved dedicated breeding sale located outside the bluetongue zone of origin**

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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 below, the movement of animals from a premises located within a bluetongue zone, to an approved dedicated breeding sale located outside of a bluetongue zone or within a different bluetongue zone from the zone of origin.

This licence is valid from 10.00 on 25/10/2024

Veterinary Inspector

Signed by: Sarah Lloyd

Date: 10.00 on 25/10/2024

Veterinary Inspector appointed by Secretary of State.

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### **Schedule of Conditions**

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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 the premises of origin to an approved dedicated breeding sale.
2. The origin premises must be located within a bluetongue zone.
3. The approved dedicated breeding sale must be located in England and listed on the bluetongue approved dedicated breeding sales page on GOV.UK. To use this licence the approved dedicated breeding sale must be located outside a bluetongue zone or within a different bluetongue zone to the zone of origin.
4. The animal moved to the market premises under this licence must be a breeding animal..  
*“Breeding animal” means any animal sold for the purpose of breeding. These animals must be identified in compliance with the current livestock identification regulations for their species.”*
5. The animal must be offered for sale at an approved dedicated breeding sale, for the purpose of being moved directly to new premises to live within 24 hours of conclusion of the day's sale.
6. If an animal is not sold at the end of the day's market it must be moved back to its premises of origin in accordance with licence EXD608.
7. The animals to be moved under authority of this licence must undergo testing by PCR for Bluetongue Virus. The movement may only take place once negative results are received for all animals to be moved. See Notes for advice on how to arrange for sampling and testing.

In addition, for all cattle in the third trimester of pregnancy (covered more than 6 months prior to the movement), samples must additionally undergo serology testing for antibodies to the Bluetongue virus with negative results. Negative results must be received prior to the movement taking place.

8. Samples must arrive at the laboratory for testing a minimum of a full 3 days prior to the movement date to allow time for processing and reporting of results. Samples should not be collected more than 5 days prior to the intended departure date.
9. 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:
  - a. This must be reported to APHA immediately;
  - b. The animal should be isolated from the rest of the herd/flock; and
  - c. No animal in the herd/flock may be moved under this licence.
10. Animals at the premises of origin must not be under bluetongue premises restrictions
11. The licensee must ensure that immediately prior to loading animals at the source premises, the requirements of condition 13 are complied with.
12. After unloading of animals, and prior to the vehicle leaving the destination premises, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 13 are complied with.
13. The requirements referred to in condition 11 and 12 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.

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The animals must arrive at the approved dedicated breeding sale no earlier than 1 hour after sunrise and no later than 2 hours before sunset on the day of movement. This condition will not apply between the 27<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> March.
17. Once the animals are loaded and the journey has commenced, animals must not be unloaded until arrival at the destination premises.
18. The move to the approved dedicated breeding sale must be direct, by public highways, and by the route that is considered likely to be the fastest available.
19. Multiple pick-ups are ONLY permitted within the zone of origin. Multiple pick-ups outside of the zone of origin are NOT permitted.
20. 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.
21. 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
22. 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
23. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years, records of:
  - a. Number of animals moved,
  - b. The identification numbers of the animals moved,
  - c. Insecticides used.
24. 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.
25. Upon arrival at the approved dedicated breeding sale the licensee must show a copy of this licence and proof of negative pre-movement test results to officials at the market.

## **Notes**

1. 'The relevant authority' means the Secretary of State in England.
2. "The Regulations" means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended)
3. "The Order" means the Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (England) Order 2002 (as amended).
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 llamas and alpacas.
5. A "bluetongue zone" means a Temporary Control Zone (TCZ), Control Zone (CZ), Restricted Zone (RZ), Protection Zone (PZ), Surveillance Zone (SZ) or Prevention Zone under regulations 10, 12, 13, 13A and 13B of the Regulations.
6. "Dedicated breeding sale" means an Animal Gatherings Order 2010 approved premises where a sale is held which specifically only offers breeding animals. This can include a section of a sale day dedicated to the sale of breeding animals.
7. "Approved dedicated breeding sale" means a dedicated breeding sale which has been approved by the Secretary of State under form EXD635(E) for the purpose of accepting animals from bluetongue zones for the purpose of sale to live.
8. When completing the sampling required at condition 7:
  - a. You may either arrange sampling from a VDP vet by contacting [admin@ukfarmcare.com](mailto:admin@ukfarmcare.com), 0800 612 5289 or -
  - b. You may commission your own private vet (PVS) to collect samples at your cost. Guidance on collecting and sending samples can be found at [APHA Vet Gateway \(defra.gov.uk\)](http://defra.gov.uk) and must be followed if using a PVS.
9. Movements can only proceed upon confirmation from the APHA or PVS of negative results. If positive results are obtained, APHA will conduct a veterinary investigation.
10. An official of the approved dedicated breeding sale will be required to provide the identification numbers, details of new keepers, details of the destination premises of animals moved under this licence, and declaration for each animal that an appropriate negative pre-movement test result has been received by the market, by email to APHA, within 24 hours of conclusion of the day's market. The details of this are provided in EXD635(E).
11. 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) to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle.
12. All requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended) (SI No.1729) and licences under that Order must be met.
13. 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.
14. 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.
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 any requirement in 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.