

EXD608(E)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) – Regulation 13 and 15 (2)  
Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (England) Order 2002 (as amended) – Article 5A

## **General licence for the movement of animals from a bluetongue approved dedicated breeding sale**

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 or outside a bluetongue zone from an approved dedicated breeding sale direct to a premises in England to live.

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.

## 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 from an approved dedicated breeding sale located in England direct to a holding located in England. The destination can be located within or outside of a bluetongue zone.
2. The destination premises must not be under bluetongue premises level restriction.
3. The bluetongue approved dedicated breeding sale must be listed on the bluetongue approved dedicated breeding sales page on GOV.UK.
4. The licensee must be in receipt of written confirmation from the market operator that those animals purchased which previously resided on premises in a bluetongue zone have tested negative for bluetongue prior to being presented for sale. They must have been tested by: PCR; and any such cattle which are in the third trimester of pregnancy must also have been tested by serology to test for antibodies to the bluetongue virus, unless they were covered during the period 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
5. Condition 4 is not applicable to animals originating from outside all bluetongue zones.
6. 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 must be reported to APHA immediately
  - b. The animal must be isolated from the rest of the herd/flock; and
  - c. The movement of that animal shall not take place.
7. The licensee must ensure that immediately prior to loading animals at the source premises, the requirements of condition 9 are complied with.
8. After unloading of animals, and prior to the vehicle leaving the destination premises, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 9 are complied with.
9. The requirements referred to in conditions 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 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Once the animals are loaded and the journey has commenced, animals must not be unloaded until arrival at the destination premises.
13. The move to the destination must be direct, by public highways, and by the route that is considered likely to be the fastest available.
14. Multiple pick-ups or drop-offs during transport are not permitted.

15. 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
16. Animals must be moved directly to the destination premises as soon as practical after sale and, in any case, within 24 hours of the conclusion of the day's market at which the animal was offered for sale. The destination premises must be in England.
17. The licensee must inform the market of the accurate final destination premises of the animals being moved. The licensee must also inform the market of any amendments to the final destination premises.
18. 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,
  - d. Accurate final destination premises of the animals moved.
19. 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 and address of the consignee, and
  - f. The name, address and CPH number of the premises of destination.
20. The licensee must ensure that the relevant individuals at the destination premises are aware that the animals moved under authority of this licence have either:
  - a. originated from a bluetongue zone,
  - b. attended a bluetongue approved dedicated breeding sale in the bluetongue zone.

A restriction notice (EXD582) will be served on the animals at their destination premises.

21. The restriction notice referenced in condition 20 will require moved animals to remain on the premises and be subject to post-movement testing for Bluetongue virus (by PCR), through samples taken 6-10 days after the move out of the Bluetongue zone. Results to these post-movement tests must be reported before the revocation of such notices can be considered.
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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. "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 EXDX for the purpose of accepting animals from bluetongue zones for the purpose of sale to live.
8. An official of the approved dedicated breeding sale will be required to provide the identification numbers, details of new keepers, accurate 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).
9. When completing the sampling required at condition 21:
  - 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.
10. The restriction notice can only be lifted upon confirmation from the APHA or PVS of negative results. If positive results are obtained, APHA will conduct a veterinary investigation.
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 breeding animal being properly identified in compliance with the current livestock identification regulations for the species, 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 their 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 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.