

## **EXD630(E) (GL)**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) - Regulations 13, 14, 15 and 28.

### **General licence for movements of animals from within a bluetongue zone to a Designated slaughterhouse for slaughter during a period of low risk of transmission.**

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I being an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended), permit, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule attached, the movement of animals from within a bluetongue zone to a Designated slaughterhouse outside the zone of origin, for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence revokes the following licences with effect from 14:00 on 29 November 2024:

EXD603 valid from 12:40 on 11/11/2024  
EXD627 valid from 18:20 on 05/10/2024  
EXD628 valid from 13:36 on 08/11/2024  
EXD630 valid from 12:57 on 15/11/2024

This licence is valid from 14:00 on 29/11/2024

Veterinary Inspector

Signed by: Sarah Lloyd

Date: 14.00 on 29/11/2024

Veterinary Inspector appointed by Secretary of State

## Schedule of Conditions

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1. The movement of animals shall be directly from a premises located within a bluetongue zone in England direct to:
  - a Designated slaughterhouse in England, Wales, or Scotland
  - a bluetongue approved red market in England for direct onwards transport to a Designated slaughterhouse in England, Wales, or Scotland
2. The source premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice. See note 10 to define where this applies.
3. The destination slaughterhouse at condition 1 must be in England, Wales or Scotland and be Designated to slaughter animals under The Regulations.
4. Movements via a red market are only permitted to a bluetongue approved red market located in England.
5. The journey permitted under this licence is the entire journey from the animal leaving the source premises to slaughter at the destination slaughterhouse. The conditions of this licence apply to all involved in the movements under this licence including moves to the red market for sale and from the red market to slaughter.
6. Immediately prior to each part of 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 not currently under restriction 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, no animal must be moved off the holding of origin under this licence. If signs are identified at the bluetongue approved red market, the individual animal showing clinical signs shall not be moved.
7. 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 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.
10. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises of either the bluetongue approved red market or designated slaughterhouse.
11. Single or multiple pick-ups are permitted in the free area prior to single or multiple pick-ups in a Restricted Zone, Surveillance Zone or Protection Zone.

12. 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
  
  13. After leaving the zone of origin and/or leaving the red market, the movement to the abattoir and/or red market must be direct, multiple pick-ups are NOT permitted, and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available.
  
  14. 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
  
  15. Multiple drop-offs are not permitted. Once loaded animals must move direct to the slaughterhouse or, as appropriate, the bluetongue approved red market.
  
  16. Animals must be slaughtered as soon as practical after arrival at the destination slaughterhouse and, in any case, within 24 hours of arrival.
  
  17. Prior to leaving the source premises the licensee must declare which zone they originated in and arrange an arrival time with the slaughterhouse operator to ensure the animals can be slaughtered within 24 hours of arrival. Where the movement is from a bluetongue approved red market, this clause applies prior to the departure from the market.
  
  18. 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.
  
  19. 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. Following an assessment of the likelihood of transmission of disease due to reducing temperatures, some requirements for the slaughter of animals from bluetongue zones can be eased. This licence will only be available during a period where the risk of transmission of bluetongue is reduced.
2. A licence is not required for slaughter within the same bluetongue zone, when moving to a zone inside the zone of origin or when moving from a free area into a zone. This license is required for:

- Source premise within a bluetongue zone to slaughter within a free area
  - Source premises within a bluetongue zone to red market within a free area
  - Red market within a bluetongue zone to slaughter in a free area
3. 'The relevant authority' means the Secretary of State in England.
  4. "The Regulations" means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended)), the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 and the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008.
  5. "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.
  6. "Red market" means premises where a dedicated slaughter collection or dedicated slaughter sale are held for the purposes of the Animal Gatherings Order 2010.
  7. An "approved red market" means a red 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.
  8. "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](http://www.gov.uk))
  9. This licence is authorising a movement which is otherwise prohibited by the declaration of the bluetongue Zone (under the Regulations), subject to compliance with the terms of this licence.
  10. This licence is authorising a movement from a bluetongue approved red market to a designated slaughterhouse which is otherwise prohibited by a notice served under regulation 15(1) of the Regulations, subject to compliance with the terms of this licence.
  11. A bluetongue premise restriction notice refers to a restriction notice served at whole premise level and moves onto/off premise areas that are under part premise level restrictions. For the purpose of this licence, we do not consider premises to be restricted where a restriction notice is applied only to individual animals.
  12. 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, 12 and 14, can be found on gov.uk: [General licence for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs: annex A to C - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
  13. 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.
  14. Under this licence movements can originate in a Restricted Zone, Protection Zone, Surveillance Zone, Control Zone or Temporary Control Zone. However, once the animal leaves its zone of origin it must then travel directly to the red market or abattoir for slaughter.
  15. This licence cannot be used to move infected animals off an infected premises (IP) to slaughter. The EXD576 specific licence needs to be used to complete these moves.
  16. 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.

17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
22. 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.
23. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
24. 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 licence 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.**