

## **EXD634(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 restricted zone to slaughter during the seasonal vector low period.**

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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 restricted zone to a slaughterhouse outside the zone of origin, for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence revokes the following licences with effect from 16:45 on 21/01/2025:

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 16:34PM on 21/01/2025

Veterinary Inspector

Signed by: Emily Hayes

Date: 16:45 on 21/01/2025

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 restricted zone in England direct to:
  - a slaughterhouse in England, Wales, or Scotland
  - a bluetongue dedicated slaughter market in England for direct onwards transport to a 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.
4. Movements via dedicated slaughter market are only permitted to slaughter markets 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 slaughter market for sale and from the slaughter market on 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 slaughter market, the individual animal showing clinical signs shall not be moved.
7. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises or either the slaughter market or designated slaughterhouse.
8. Single or multiple pick-ups are permitted in the free area prior to single or multiple pick-ups in a Restricted Zone.
9. 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
10. After leaving the zone of origin and/or leaving the slaughter market, the movement to the abattoir and/or slaughter market must be direct, and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available. Multiple pick-ups are NOT permitted,
11. Multiple drop-offs are NOT permitted. Once loaded animals must move direct to the slaughterhouse or, as appropriate, the slaughter market.
12. 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
13. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years records of:
- a. Number of animals moved and their identification numbers.
14. 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. A licence is not required for slaughter within the same restricted zone, or when moving from a free area into a zone. This license is required for:
  - Source premises within a bluetongue restricted zone to slaughter within a free area
  - Source premises within a bluetongue restricted zone to slaughter market within a free area
  - Slaughter market within a bluetongue restricted zone to slaughter in a free area
2. 'The relevant authority' means the Secretary of State in England.
3. "The Regulations" means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended)), the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 and the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008.
4. "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.
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. "Dedicated slaughter market" a red market or a green market running a section of the market where animals present MUST only be moved direct to slaughter upon purchase.
7. 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.
8. EXD630 has been revoked but will continue to be acceptable until 23:59 22 January 2025.
9. This licence is authorising a movement from a slaughter market to a 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-licence-for-the-movement-of-cattle-sheep-goats-and-pigs-annex-a-to-c)

12. This licence cannot be used to move infected animals off an infected premises (IP) to slaughter.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
18. 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.
19. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
20. 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.**