

## **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 bluetongue 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 licence with effect from time on date:

EXD634 valid from 16:00 on 12/02/2025

This licence is valid from 16:30 on 10/03/2025

Veterinary Inspector

Signed by: Sarah Lloyd

Date: 16:30 on 10/03/2025

Veterinary Inspector appointed by Secretary of State

## Schedule of Conditions

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1. The movement of animals shall be from a premises located within a bluetongue restricted zone in England to:
  - a slaughterhouse in England, Wales, or Scotland
  - a bluetongue dedicated slaughter market or dedicated slaughter collection in England for onwards transport to a slaughterhouse in England, Wales, or Scotland.
2. If animals are unsold at the market they must either go direct to slaughter or return to the source premises.
3. The source premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice. See note 10 to define where this applies.
4. The destination slaughterhouse at condition 1 must be in England, Wales or Scotland.
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 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 bluetongue 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 a bluetongue restricted zone the movement to the abattoir or slaughter market must be by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available and must be direct, multiple pick-ups are NOT permitted.
11. After leaving a slaughter market the movement to the abattoir must be by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available and must be direct, multiple pick-ups are NOT permitted.
12. Multiple drop-offs are permitted to slaughterhouses.

13. Multiple drop-offs are not permitted to markets. Once the vehicle has made the final pick-up in the zone, all the loaded animals must move to the market without unloading.
  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. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years records of:
    - a. Number of animals moved and their identification numbers.
  16. 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. For the purpose of this licence the term "Bluetongue dedicated slaughter market" means:
  - a) a red market where "Red market" means premises where a dedicated slaughter collection or dedicated slaughter sale are held for the purposes of the Animal Gatherings Order 2010; Or
  - b) any market running a section of the sale where animals present MUST only be moved direct to slaughter upon purchase. All animals attending either section of such a market must comply with the movement standstill rules; the slaughter exemption does not apply.
6. For the purpose of this licence the term "Dedicated slaughter collection" means an animal gathering for the purpose of onward consignment direct to slaughter in England, Wales or Scotland.

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. If animals are unsold at market they can return to the source premises but they must observe standstill rules in line with the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 (as amended). It is an offence to move unsold animals not going to slaughter anywhere other than to the source premises.
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 conditions 11, 12 and 13 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/guidance/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 (Asa amended) (SI No, 1724), or the equivalent in Scotland and Wales, 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), or the equivalent in Scotland and Wales, 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.**