

EXD603(S) (GL)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended) - Regulations 13(2) and 14(2).

General licence for movements of animals from within a bluetongue restricted zone to slaughter in Scotland

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 designated slaughterhouse outside the restricted zone and in Scotland, for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence is valid from 19:00 on 20/06/2025

Veterinary Inspector

Signed by: Lucy Bazley White

Date: 19:00 on 20/06/2025

Veterinary Inspector appointed by Secretary of State

Schedule of Conditions

1. The movement of animals shall be from a premises located within a bluetongue restricted zone to:
 - a) a designated slaughterhouse in Scotland
 - b) an interim bluetongue dedicated slaughter market or dedicated collection centre in the free area in England for onwards transport to a Slaughterhouse in 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 7 which defines this term.
4. The journey permitted under this licence is the entire journey from the animal leaving the source premises to a designated slaughterhouse in Scotland.
5. 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 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 may be moved off the holding of origin under this licence.
6. No animal may be unloaded after entering Scotland until arrival at the designated slaughterhouse.
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.
10. 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.

11. Single or multiple pick-ups are permitted in the free area prior to single or multiple pick-ups in a bluetongue restricted zone.
 12. Multiple pick-up may only 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 a bluetongue restricted zone the movement to the designated slaughterhouse must be by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available and must be direct. Multiple pick-ups in the free area are NOT permitted.
 14. After leaving a slaughter market in England the movement to the slaughterhouse must be by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available and must be direct, multiple pick-ups are NOT permitted.
 15. Multiple drop-offs are permitted to designated slaughterhouses.
 16. The licensee must schedule the movement accordingly to ensure the animal arrives at the slaughterhouse with a timing that allows for the animal to be slaughtered at least 1 hour after sunrise and 2 hours before sunset. In the case of delay in arrival, the licensee must inform APHA.
 17. 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
 18. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years records of:
 - a. The number of animals moved and their identification numbers
 - b. Any insecticides used for the purpose of condition 10
 19. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
 20. 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 movements from:
 - Source premises within a bluetongue restricted zone to a designated slaughterhouse within Scotland
 - Source premises within a bluetongue restricted zone to an interim slaughter market within a free area in England for onwards transport to a designated slaughterhouse within Scotland.
2. “The Regulations” means the Bluetongue Regulations 2008 (as amended).
3. “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.
4. “Designated” means the slaughterhouse is designated under Article 18 of the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 (as amended). The list of designated slaughterhouses can be found at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/bluetongue/pages/licensing/>
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 Scotland.
7. 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.
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. 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.
10. 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.
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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
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 affect the user's obligations under the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 (as amended), or the equivalent legislation in Scotland, to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle.
14. 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, 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 any applicable licences issued under those Orders, must be met.
17. If you suspect notifiable disease in England, you must report this immediately to Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. If you suspect notifiable disease in Wales, you must report this immediately to the Animal and Plant Health Agency on 03003 038 268. If you suspect notifiable disease in Scotland you report this immediately to the Local Animal and Plant Health Agency Field Services team.
18. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
19. 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.