

EXD676(S) (GL)

Scottish Government

The Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012

General licence to move animals from a bluetongue temporary control zone (TCZ) to the free area

The Scottish Ministers in accordance with article 13(6) of the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 permit, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule attached, the movement of animals from a premises in a TCZ to a premises in the free area of Scotland.

This licence is valid from 18:30 on 21 August 2026

Signed by: Jesus Gallego

Date: 18:20 on 21 August 2026

A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers.

Schedule of Conditions

Types of movement covered by this licence

EITHER

1. The movement is **direct from a farm** in a temporary control zone (TCZ) to another premises in the free area of Scotland and the animals must be accompanied by an EXD645(S) form pack that confirms all animals have evidence of a valid negative PCR test and/or vaccination (as applicable) in accordance with conditions 7-13 of this schedule.

OR

2. The movement is indirect, through a **sale or collection centre** in the TCZ and, either:
 - Box 1 (appended to this Schedule of Conditions) is endorsed by a representative of the sale or collection centre, confirming that all animals to be moved under this licence originate from a TCZ, and are specified in the accompanying EXD645(S) form pack indicating compliance with conditions 7 to 13 as applicable.

or

- Box 2 (appended to this Schedule of Conditions) is endorsed by a representative of the sale or collection centre, confirming that the animals to be moved under this licence originated from a premises in the free area of Scotland, were unloaded at the sale or collection after sunrise and were loaded prior to sunset before immediate departure to the free area of Scotland on the same day (see note 9).

or

- Box 3 (appended to this Schedule of Conditions) is endorsed by a representative of the sale or collection centre, confirming that the animals originate from a premises in Scotland and are cattle which have been vaccinated with Bultavo-3 in accordance with condition 7 of this Schedule.

General conditions

3. The source premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice and if the movement is destined to the free area of Scotland the source premises must not have had a confirmed case of bluetongue within 6 months prior to the movement.
4. The destination premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice.
5. 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 shows clinical signs of Bluetongue infection, the animal should be kept isolated from the rest of the herd/flock, and this must be reported to APHA immediately. In such a case, the movements under this licence shall not take place. If Bluetongue is suspected or confirmed at the source premises, the movements under this licence shall not take place.
6. Conditions 7 to 13 in relation to vaccination and testing apply when:

- a. the final destination of the animals moved under this licence is a premises in the free area of Scotland, irrespective of the origin of the animals,

but do not apply if:

- b. the animals have moved from the free area of Scotland to a sale or collection centre in the TCZ under the “same day” rule (see note 9 for guidance on interpreting this rule), or

Vaccination

7. Cattle from any premises in a TCZ intended to be moved to the free area of Scotland, can be moved under this licence without the testing referred to in conditions 9-13 if they have been vaccinated with the Boehringer ‘Bultavo-3’ vaccine, with at least 21 days having elapsed since the second dose of the vaccine before they enter the free area, and have received a booster dose if 12 months have elapsed since completion of the primary course.
8. Evidence of any vaccination / treatment must be provided in the EXD645(S) form pack and accompany the animals in accordance with notes 2 and 3. Where this movement is from a sale/collection centre in the TCZ the person responsible for the vaccination of the animals must give ScotEID permission to share the animal’s vaccination status with the sale/collection centre so they can endorse this licence in accordance with condition 2.

Testing

9. Animals to be moved to the free area of Scotland under authority of this licence, which are not:
 - a. youngstock at foot with a tested dam in accordance with condition 13 below.
 - b. cattle vaccinated in accordance with conditions 7 and 8 above,

must have undergone testing by PCR for bluetongue virus, with negative results returned, prior to the movement taking place.

10. In addition, for all cattle in the third trimester of pregnancy (served more than 6 months prior to the movement), samples must have also undergone serology testing by ELISA, for antibodies to the bluetongue virus with negative results.
11. The date of sampling for the negative tests referred to in conditions 9 and 10 must be no more than 7 calendar days prior to the movement to the free area of Scotland. See notes 10 and 11 for further information.
12. Evidence of any testing must be provided in the EXD645(S) form pack and accompany the animals and, when this movement is through a sale/collection centre, this licence must be endorsed in accordance with condition 2. See notes 2 and 3 for information regarding the EXD645(S) form pack.

Youngstock

13. Youngstock travelling at foot of the maternal dam do not require testing provided that the dam has tested negative in accordance with conditions 9 and 10. If dams are cows

travelling under the vaccination conditions in 7 and 8, then calves at foot must either also be vaccinated or tested clear in accordance with this schedule.

Midge risk-reducing measures

14. The licensee must ensure that prior to loading animals, the requirements of condition 16 are complied with.
15. After unloading of animals, where the destination premises is in the free area of Scotland, prior to the vehicle leaving, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 16 are complied with.
16. The requirements referred to in conditions 14 and 15 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.
 - c) Any insecticide applied must be fully dry prior to loading any animals. All persons relying on this licence should be satisfied that this has been done
17. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises
18. After leaving a TCZ, the movement to the premises must be direct and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available.
19. 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
20. Multiple pick-ups or drop-offs are not permitted in any part of the movement taking place in the free area of Scotland.

Records

21. The licensee must retain, for a minimum period of 2 years, records of:
 - a. the number of animals moved and their identification numbers.
 - b. the insecticides used.
22. 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.

Box 1 (Strike through if not applicable)

I, the sale or collection centre representative, confirm that animals in the lots listed below and being moved under this licence and originating from the TCZ are accompanied by an EXD645 form pack listing the appropriate vaccination and/or as set out in conditions 7 to 13.

Animal Lot number(s):

EXD645 licence reference number(s):

Signature:

Name (printed):

Role:

Date:

Box 2 (Strike through if not applicable)

I, the sale or collection centre representative, confirm that animals in the lots listed below and being moved under this licence originated from a premises in the free area of Scotland and were unloaded at my establishment after sunrise and were loaded before sunset on the same day for immediate departure back to the free area of Scotland.

Animal Lot number(s):

Date and time of unloading at the sale/collection centre:

Date and time of loading from the sale/collection centre:

Signature:

Name (printed):

Role:

Date:

Box 3 (Strike through if not applicable)

I, the sale or collection centre representative, confirm that cattle in the lots listed below and being moved under this licence originated from a premises in the free area of Scotland, and I have checked ScotEID to verify they were vaccinated and meet the requirements of condition 7 of this Schedule.

Animal Lot number/s:

Signature:

Name (printed):

Role:

Date:

Explanatory notes

1. A bluetongue temporary control zone (TCZ) is a zone declared by the Scottish Ministers under article 13 of the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012. The latest declaration can be found on www.gov.scot/bluetongue
2. An [EXD645\(S\) form pack](#) is applied for through APHA prior to moving an animal from a TCZ zone to the free area of Scotland in order to demonstrate compliance with conditions 7 to 13.
 - a. A keeper must complete the form with details of animals that are to be moved and upload evidence (as applicable) of: negative testing results, vaccination purchase, and vaccine dosage records.
 - b. A copy of the EXD645(S) form and the evidence must accompany the animals (the EXD645(S) form pack).
 - c. In the same form it is possible to have vaccinated animals as well as tested animals as long as each individual animal can demonstrate compliance.
3. The EXD645(S) form pack is not required if the animal(s):
 - a. are moving under the “same day” rule.
 - b. originally moved from Scotland and are cattle which have been vaccinated and meet the requirements of condition 7 of the Schedule
 - c. are animals destined to move directly to a bluetongue restricted zone outside Scotland.
4. “Animal” means a ruminating animal or camelid, other than a wild animal, which is susceptible to infection with bluetongue virus. Ruminating animals includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, goats and deer. Camelid includes camels, llamas and alpacas.
5. Free area” means the area of Scotland not subject to bluetongue restrictions under the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012.
6. For the purposes of condition 3, the source premises with a previous confirmed case in the previous 6 months includes any farm where the animals moved under this licence have resided in the previous 6 months. It does not refer solely to the last premises of residence in the TCZ and does include a sale or gathering.
7. This licence is not applicable for moves to slaughter. Other general licences are available for these movements.
8. This licence cannot be used to move animals from an infected premises (IP) or other premises under a specific bluetongue restriction notice. A specific licence needs to be used to complete these moves.
9. This licence should not be used to move animals from a premises in a TCZ to a premises in a bluetongue restricted zone (RZ), such as those in England and Wales. Other general licences are available for these movements.
10. The “same day” rule referred to in conditions 2 and 6b means that animals can travel from the free area of Scotland to a sale or gathering inside the TCZ, and return to the free area of Scotland without BTV testing or vaccination as long as:
 - a. they are only unloaded at the premises in the TCZ after sunrise, and
 - b. are loaded before sunset on the same day for immediate onward direct movement to the final destination in the free area of Scotland,
 - c. sunset and sunrise times are those defined by the met office for the location of the premises in the TCZ on the date of the movement, and
 - d. whilst animals are inside a vehicle, it must not be parked at a premises in the TCZ outside daylight hours.

11. When taking samples for the purpose of testing for BTV in conditions 7-13, any negative results are only valid for movements out of the premises in the TCZ taking place within 7 calendar days of the samples being taken. For example, a sample taken on a Saturday is valid for a movement happening up until the next Saturday, but not on the next Sunday.
12. The Private Veterinary Surgeon must undertake testing under this licence in line with the sampling instructions on Improve International: <https://improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions.php>. It is further strongly recommended that samples submitted to the laboratory are booked with a fast courier as well as following all the recommendations about correct packaging and clear labelling and paperwork. More details can be found on: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/bluetongue/pages/bluetongue-movement-restrictions-for-animals/>
13. The insecticide applied to vehicles used to transport animals moved under the authority of this licence must be effective against flying insects, ideally *Culicoides* spp. (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.
14. Insecticide treatments referred to in condition 16 must always be applied to the clean and empty vehicle before leaving the source premises in a TCZ. If the destination premises is in the free area of Scotland, the licensee is also required to apply insecticide on a clean and empty vehicle, after unloading and prior to leaving the premises of destination.
15. 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.
16. The requirements set out in the licence do not remove the user's obligations under The Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle.
17. 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.
18. A person moving anything under the authority of this licence must, if asked to do so by an inspector, or other officer of the Scottish Ministers, give their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
19. All requirements of the Disease Control (Interim measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 (as amended) and licences under that Order must be met.
20. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
21. If you suspect notifiable disease, you must report this immediately to APHA on 03000 600 704.
22. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
23. 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 a Declaration made under the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012, 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 6 months or to both.

