

EXD672(S) (GL)

Scottish Government

The Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012

General licence for movements of animals to a slaughterhouse located in a Temporary Control Zone in Scotland for the purpose of immediate slaughter

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 to a slaughterhouse located in a Temporary Control Zone (TCZ), for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence is valid from 12:00 on 20/08/26

Signed by: Jesus Gallego

Date: 11:00 on 20/08/2026

A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers

Schedule of Conditions

1. The source premises must be located in Scotland.
2. The destination slaughterhouse must be located within a bluetongue TCZ.
3. Animals must be moved directly to the destination slaughterhouse.
4. The source 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 in other stock at the source premises, the movements under this licence shall not take place. You may request a specific licence via APHA.
6. Where the source premises is located within any bluetongue zone, the licensee must ensure that prior to loading animals, the requirements of condition 8 are complied with.
7. After unloading of animals, prior to the vehicle leaving the destination slaughterhouse, the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 8 are complied with.
8. The requirements referred to in condition 6 and 7 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 allowed to fully dry prior to loading any animals.
 - d) All persons relying on this licence should be satisfied that this has been done
9. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises.
10. The movement to the slaughterhouse must be direct and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available.
11. Subject to the requirements outlined in Note 5, 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.
12. Multiple pick-ups are not permitted within a temporary control zone. Multiple drop offs are not permitted after entering bluetongue zones.
13. 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.
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.

Notes

1. "Animal" means a ruminating animal or camelid, other than a wild animal. Ruminating animals includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, goats and deer. Camelid includes camels, llamas and alpacas.
2. When loaded with animals from the temporary control zone, scheduled stops at the locations specified in condition 11 may be permitted if:
 - The vehicle must be parked on a hard standing
 - The vehicle must be parked at least 100 metres away from any animals (including those on a vehicle that is using the same facility)
 - The vehicle must carry a cleansing and disinfection portable kit (i.e. a bucket, water, approved disinfectant and a brush) or if none carried, the place in which the vehicle is stopped must have cleansing and disinfection facilities
 - Any bedding, litter, dung, urine etc. leaking from the vehicle must be cleaned up and the area disinfected before the vehicle leaves. Any solid waste material must be bagged and put in a separate compartment on the vehicle to which animals do not have access and taken to the point of destination for disposal
 - A record of the place(s) where and time(s) when stopped must be kept by the driver and retained for at least 6 months. 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.
3. This licence cannot be used to move animals to slaughter from premises under a bluetongue premises restriction notice. A specific licence is required to complete these moves.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. A person moving anything under the authority of this licence must, if asked to do so by an inspector or other officer of the relevant authority, give their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
8. All requirements of the Disease Control (Interim measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 (as amended) and licences under those orders must be met.
9. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
10. If you suspect notifiable disease you must report this immediately to APHA on 03000 600 704.
11. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
12. 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.