

EXD673(S) (GL)

Scottish Government

The Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012

**General licence for movements of animals from premises within a
bluetongue temporary control zone (TCZ) in Scotland to a
slaughterhouse**

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 within a TCZ to a slaughterhouse for the purpose of immediate slaughter.

This licence is valid from 13:00 on 24 August 2026

Signed by: Jesus Gallego

Date: 13:00 on 24 August 2026

A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers

Schedule of Conditions

1. The movement of animals shall be from the source premises within a TCZ in Scotland to either:
 - a. a designated slaughterhouse in Scotland
 - b. a slaughterhouse in England or Wales
2. The source premises must not be under a bluetongue premises restriction notice.
3. 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.
4. If Bluetongue is suspected or confirmed at the source premises, the movements under this licence shall not take place.
5. The licensee must ensure that prior to loading animals, the requirements of condition 7 are complied with.
6. After unloading of animals, prior to the vehicle leaving the destination premises (the designated slaughterhouse), the licensee must ensure the requirements of condition 7 are complied with.
7. The requirements referred to in conditions 5 and 6 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. All persons relying on this licence should be satisfied that this has been done
8. Once loaded and the journey started, animals are prohibited from being unloaded until arrival at the destination premises
9. After leaving a TCZ, the movement to the slaughterhouse must be direct and by the route that is considered likely to be the quickest available.
10. 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
11. Multiple pick-ups or drop-offs are not permitted in the free area of Scotland.
12. Prior to leaving the source premises the licensee must arrange an arrival time with the slaughterhouse operator to ensure the animals can be slaughtered as soon as possible, or in any case within 24 hours of arrival.
13. The slaughterhouse must operate under the conditions of the slaughterhouse designation form.
14. 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.
15. 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. "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. The designated slaughterhouse operator in Scotland is required to slaughter animals at least 1 hour after sunrise and 2 hours before sunset to avoid the times of peak vector activity. In the case of delay in arrival, the licensee must contact APHA. In any case animals must be slaughtered within 24 hours of arrival.
3. This licence cannot be used to move animals to slaughter from an infected premises (IP) or other premises under a bluetongue restriction notice. A specific licence needs to be used 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. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. All requirements of the Disease Control (Interim measures) (Scotland) Order 2002 (as amended) (SI No. 34) and licences under that Order must be met.
10. Record keeping systems must be in place to ensure that all movements can be traced from the source premises to the destination premises.
11. If you suspect notifiable disease you must report this immediately to APHA on 03000 600 704.
12. All other relevant legislation must be complied with.
13. 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.