

BLUE TONGUE REGULATIONS (As at 21st August 2026)

The area covered by the TCZ is here [APHA Interactive Bluetongue Virus Map](#)

TCZ = Temporary Control Zone (As per above Virus map)

RZ= Restricted Zone (England & Wales)

FREE ZONE = Scottish Free Zone (Out of TCZ)

As a direct result of this and with immediate effect:

For stock currently within the TEMPORARY CONTROL ZONE (TCZ):

- Stock can only move out of the TCZ and into the (FREE ZONE) when a clear pre-movement test has taken place within 7 days of the movement.
Additionally, Cattle can move out of the TCZ and into the FREE ZONE if they have been fully vaccinated with Bultavo-3.
- Stock can move from the TCZ to England & Wales (RZ) under licence, which is currently being prepared by APHA.
- Stock which moves from a TCZ into Marts or elsewhere in RZ can move back to the TCZ under the 1-day rule (This replaces the 4 day rule) or onwards into RZ with no restriction.
- Stock which moves from one premises within the TCZ to another premises within the TCZ must do so under licence EXD675(S)GL

For stock currently within the SCOTTISH FREE ZONE

- Stock can move anywhere within mainland UK.
- If stock moves into a TCZ or RZ it can return to the FREE ZONE under the 1 day rule.

For stock currently within the RZ (England & Wales)

- Stock can move anywhere in RZ, without restriction.
- Sheep can only move into the TCZ when a clear pre-movement test has taken place within 7 days of the movement.
Cattle can only move into the TCZ or FREE ZONE if they have been fully vaccinated with Bultavo-3.

The above information is provided by the auctioneers to the best of their current knowledge, without liability and may be subject to change.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/bluetongue/pages/movement-restrictions-from-1-june-2026/> will give you the most up to date available information regarding what classes of animal can move and under what terms.