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Bluetongue (BTV)
Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland)
Order 1981
The Bluetongue Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 2008 Regulation 10

Ref No: BTV - RZ/001/2026

DECLARATION OF A RESTRICTED ZONE

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (“the Department”) has revoked the Temporary Control Zone in place in Northern Ireland from 18:00 on 6 December 2025 and replaced it with a Restricted Zone in accordance with regulation 10 of the Bluetongue Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (“the Regulations”).

To reduce the risk of the transmission of Bluetongue, the Department declares **the whole of Northern Ireland** to be a Restricted Zone in which the measures set out in Annex 1 to this Declaration apply.

These measures apply from 09:00 on 6 March 2026 until this Declaration is withdrawn or amended by further declaration.

The BTV Temporary Control Zone Declaration made on 06 December 2025 is now revoked.

This Declaration is made under regulation 10 of the Regulations.

Signed

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Time 09:00, Date 06/03/2026

Authorised by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Failure to comply with this Declaration may be an offence under article 52 of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

Copies of this Declaration and of the Regulations are available at www.daera-ni.gov.uk and from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Limavady BT49 9HP.

Annex 1

Measures that apply in the Restricted Zone

A person shall not move any susceptible species on to or off premises in the zone except under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a general licence granted by the Department.

Movements of Germinal Products are also subject to licence.

Bluetongue Licences are available to view on the [DAERA website](#).