



## **Approved Germinal Product Establishment (GPE) Operators, Centre and Team Veterinarians and Germinal Product Certifying Officers**

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**Audience: Operators of GPE approved for the collection, processing and storage of germinal products from bovine and ovine donors, centre and team vets who export or certify these commodities and germinal product certifying officers.**

**Subject: Update regarding export requirements due to Bluetongue of relevance to exports to GB and EU Member States**

This bulletin is to advise anyone who exports or certifies germinal products derived from cattle and sheep donors, to GB or Ireland, of changes relating to Bluetongue that will come into effect from 9am Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026, following the removal of the 20 km Temporary BTV Control Zone in NI and the implementation of an NI wide Restricted Zone (RZ),

Please note that domestic movement of germinal products within Northern Ireland is no longer required to move under general licence.

### **Export to Great Britain**

Export of bovine and ovine germinal product from all of NI must come from donors that have been tested for BTV, with negative results, prior to movement. This means that all germinal product must be frozen prior to movement to GB. These movements must occur in compliance with BTV licence 47. See further information at links below.

### **Export to EU Member States**

Requirements for the export of germinal products are detailed in the relevant Intra certificate. A DAERA BTV movement licence is not required. Donor testing and BTV GP establishment freedom for 30 days prior to collection are required, negative results must be obtained before export can take place.

**Further information on the requirements is available below:**

- [Exporting Animals and Animal Products from Northern Ireland to GB, EU and Third Countries \(Including guidance and application point for DAERA Export Certificate System \(DECS\)\) | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)
- [Germinal Products | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)
- [Impact of Bluetongue Virus on Movements / Exports of Germinal Product from NI | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)



Any questions regarding these changes, or any other aspect of live animal export certification can be directed to [DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk)

### **Trade Programme**

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