



DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners who certify exports of livestock to Scotland

Subject: Completion of export paperwork for livestock exports to Scotland

Changes to Export Certification Requirements

This bulletin is to update the advice regarding the requirements to move livestock to Scotland, with changes being implemented from **September 10th 2026**.

You are reminded that additional Bluetongue requirements must be met for moves to Scotland. A supplementary certificate is required as evidence of these requirements. Supplementary template certificates can be downloaded from the DAERA website. Animals must travel with this additional paperwork PLUS the standard GB paperwork generated via eAVI.

NOTE: TWO certificates, a standard plus a supplementary, are required to travel to Scotland

The supplementary paperwork is being revised and will be updated and hosted on the DAERA website at the below address, replacing the currently published guidance and documents in due course prior to September 10th.

[Moving cattle, sheep and goats to Scotland while Scotland is Bluetongue Free – DAERA](#)

Key changes from 10th September 2026

The Scottish Government is updating their disease control measures from September 10th. The proposal has been developed in response to the increasing prevalence of BTV-3 in England and Wales and concerns regarding the continued period of midge activity due to warmer weather conditions. The measures are intended to reduce the risk of introducing infection into Scotland. Please see **Annex A** for a full detailed breakdown of all requirements.

The principal changes compared with the current arrangements are:

1. Introduction of mandatory vaccination for all live animal movements of susceptible species into Scotland, except for direct slaughter. For cattle, Bultavo-3 vaccination has been specified.



2. Greater reliance on vaccination and reduced reliance on testing for lower-risk categories such as store animals, fattening animals, female sheep and goats, and non-pregnant female cattle.
3. There is an allowance for certain 'exempt' animals to move without pre-movement testing where full vaccination requirements have been met – full details in **Annex A**.
4. Introduction of a '1 day' rule which only permits transit and returns within the same day. This will apply for all species and regardless of vaccination status. Transit must be from Scotland to a RZ area and back to Scotland and animals must only be present inside the RZ during daylight hours to avoid dawn and dusk which are the highest periods of midge activity.

Transporting Animals

The Scottish authorities have retained their requirements for the transport of animals. Once the animals are loaded and the journey has commenced, animals must not be unloaded until arrival at the destination premises, except for scheduled stops at the following locations:

- Motorway service stations
- Official lay-by (on a trunk/main road)
- Lorry Park or similar place

Premises of Destination for Direct Slaughter Exports

Due to the uncharacteristically warm weather this year, current controls will be extended beyond 9th September.

Animals do not need to be vaccinated or tested to go to slaughter in Scotland but must still go only to abattoirs who have controls in place to mitigate risk of infecting local midges as part of their official designation under the bluetongue Order.

If you have any questions about any of the information provided, please contact DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk.

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ANNEX A

Controls Summary for Exports of Livestock to Scotland

- All BTV susceptible animals must be fully vaccinated for BTV-3 prior to a non-slaughter movement to Scotland and may also require testing.
- On completion of the primary vaccination course, animals must also complete 21 days prior to export being allowed.
- Any available BTV-3 vaccine product is acceptable.
- For non-exempt cattle, if Bultavo-3 vaccination is used, no testing will be required.

Animals that require testing (non-exempt):

- All breeding males of susceptible species (except sheep),
 - including:
 - bulls
 - bucks/billy goats
 - stags/studs and other male breeding animals
- Also:
 - pregnant deer or camelids
 - pregnant cows or heifers

Animals that do not require testing (exempt):

- store animals
- fattening animals
- animals going for slaughter
- female cattle, deer or camelids that are not pregnant
- female sheep or goats (including pregnant ones)
- breeding male sheep (tups/rams)

Store animals, fattening stock and non-pregnant females

No testing is required before moving them from a Restricted Zone to Scotland. Vaccination against BTV3 is required with any authorised vaccine. The primary vaccination course must be completed before they are eligible for movement i.e. 21 days after administration or as per the datasheet.

Pregnant animals: requirements and recommendations

Cattle

Pregnant cattle must be tested within 7 calendar days before moving from a Restricted Zone (RZ) to Scotland, unless they have completed the full Bultavo-3 vaccination course with 21 days elapsed since the second dose (plus any booster if needed).

If they are vaccinated with any other BTV3 vaccine, they still require pre-movement testing.

Sheep and goats

No testing is required for pregnant sheep or goats before moving from a Restricted Zone to Scotland. Vaccination against BTV3 is required with any authorised vaccine being acceptable. The primary vaccination course must be completed before they are eligible for movement i.e. 21 days after administration or as per the datasheet.

Deer and camelids

Pregnant deer and camelids must be tested within 7 calendar days before moving from a Restricted Zone to Scotland. Consult your vet for vaccination advice.

Breeding males: requirements**Cattle**

Breeding bulls must be tested within 7 calendar days before moving from a Restricted Zone to Scotland, unless they have completed the full Bultavo-3 vaccination course with 21 days elapsed since the second dose (and boosted where required). If they are vaccinated with any other BTV3 vaccine, they still need the pre-movement test.

Sheep

Rams/tups do not require testing before moving from a Restricted Zone to Scotland. Vaccination against BTV3 is required and can be completed with any authorised vaccine. The primary vaccination course must be completed before they are eligible for movement i.e. 21 days after administration or as per the datasheet.

Goats

Consult your vet for vaccination advice. Male breeding goats must be tested within 7 calendar days before moving from a Restricted Zone to Scotland. We recommend a pre-breeding test in Scotland to establish disease status before breeding activity, including natural service and artificial insemination.

Deer and camelids

Consult your vet for vaccination advice. Male deer and camelids must be tested within 7 calendar days before moving from a Restricted Zone to Scotland.

Moving animals to slaughter

Animals can move to slaughter without BTV-3 vaccination or testing but it must be to a designated abattoir.