



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

Update on Changes to Export Certification Requirements for Livestock to Scotland.

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

The previously issued information in Bulletin 10/26 has now been superseded by the Scottish Authorities. The situation with Bluetongue virus is rapidly changing and the Scottish authorities have reassessed and reduced their requirements for movements. The changes below were agreed on 7th September 2026.

Key changes from 10th September 2026

The key changes being implemented by the Scottish authorities for livestock breeding and production moves are:

For all sheep, goats and cattle moving to Scotland:

- Animals must **not have tested positive for Bluetongue within the previous 60 days**.
- Animals must **not have been on a premises with confirmed Bluetongue and been suspected of showing clinical signs within the previous 60 days**.

Additional requirements for breeding bulls and pregnant cattle only:

- Either be vaccinated with **Bultavo-3** in line with requirements; or
- Have a **negative Bluetongue PCR test within 7 days of export**.

Key Differences:

- Previously all sheep required a negative PCR test within 7 days of export, this is no longer a requirement.
- Previously **all** cattle had to be either vaccinated or PCR tested before movement, this requirement has been reduced.



- The 6-month restriction linked to infected premises has been replaced with a 60-day requirement.

The key changes being implemented by the Scottish authorities for livestock moving directly to slaughter are:

- The 6-month restriction linked to infected premises has been replaced with a 60-day requirement.
- Animals can move provided they have not had a positive Bluetongue test within 60 days prior to the movement and have not been present on a premises with confirmed Bluetongue within 60 days prior to the movement.

NOTE: TWO certificates, a standard certificate generated by NIFAIS/eAVI plus a supplementary certificate, are required to travel to Scotland

Supplementary template certificates, and the owner's declarations required to support certification, can be downloaded from the DAERA website. Animals must travel with this additional paperwork PLUS the standard GB paperwork generated via eAVI.

The DAERA website is being updated currently in advance of September 10th 2026. The required supplementary paperwork will be available here on Tuesday 8th Sept:

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

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

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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