DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioner

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Audience: **DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners who certify Bluetongue susceptible species to destinations in Europe**

Subject: **Changes to the certificates for livestock movements within Europe**

Recategorisation of Bluetongue by the EU

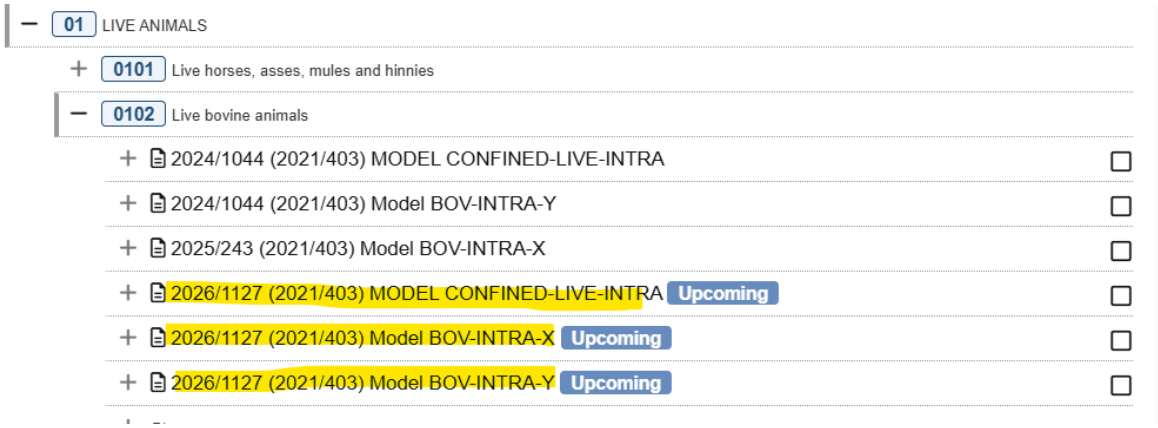
Purpose: To advise DAERA aPVPs of changes to the INTRA certificates and Bluetongue movement requirements for susceptible species moving between Member States from 2nd November 2026

Background

The EU has recategorised Bluetongue (BTV) from a Category C disease to a Category D disease with effect from 2nd November 2026. This change affects the conditions under which susceptible animals may be moved between Member States and has resulted in amendments to EU health certificates.

Certification

The new certificate models are now available in TRACES ahead of the implementation date of 2nd November 2026. Certificates may be drafted in advance; however, validation will only be possible from 2nd November 2026.



Certifying Officers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new certificate models in advance of commencing use on Monday 2nd November.
DAERA Trade Exports will publish revised guidance in the coming days on the completion of certificates for cattle and sheep. Guidance for camelids and cervids will

be published in due course. A major change is that the available options for certification are not broken down individually, instead one attestation covers several options to meet a clause. Certifying Officers should ensure that they gather all the evidence required to meet the chosen attestation clause. Copies of this evidence should be retained so that you can provide it in the event of queries. DAERA advise attaching copies of any test results or other evidence required at section I.17 in addition to sending hard copies with the animals.

Derogations

As a consequence of the recategorisation, Member States have reviewed and republished their Bluetongue derogations under the new legislative framework. These derogations will no longer be published centrally by the European Commission. Instead, the Commission has indicated that they will provide a website with links to the respective Member State webpages where derogations are published. Please note this website is managed by the EU and may not yet have been updated.
Bluetongue rules - Food Safety - European Commission

Northern Ireland's derogation can be viewed here Bluetongue Movement Derogation | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Ireland's derogation can be viewed here AHS - Bluetongue

Before certifying any movement of Bluetongue-susceptible animals to another Member State, Certifying Officers must verify whether the destination Member State has a published derogation in place where the movement is relying upon a derogation from standard Bluetongue movement requirements.

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please e-mail us at the address below.

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