

MOVEMENT CONDITIONS OF BOVINE, OVINE, CAPRINE, CERVID AND CAMELID ANIMALS AND OTHER KEPT UNGULATES TO THE UK (NORTHERN IRELAND) AS REGARDS BLUETONGUE DISEASE

Legal Basis: Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of March 9 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 of December 17, as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation 2026/795.

A derogation from the requirements for movements between EU Member States of animals which are listed as susceptible to Bluetongue Virus (BTV) in Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/1882, as laid down in Article 10(1), point (f) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 is permitted in accordance with articles 13, 17, 24, 27 and 30 of that same regulation.

These articles state that the competent authority of the Member State of origin may authorize the movement of BTV susceptible species which do not fulfil at least one of the requirements for infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24), as set out in point 1 or 2 of Part 1 of Annex IX of that regulation, if the animals fulfil at least one set of requirements set out in point 3 of Part 1 of Annex IX of that same regulation. However, this is only permitted where the competent authority of the Member State of destination has informed the Commission and the other Member States that such movements are authorized, and under which specific conditions.

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) hereby authorizes derogations, in accordance with article 13, 17, 24, and 30 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, regarding movements of bovine animals, ovine animals, caprine animals, cervid animals, camelid animals and other kept ungulates according to the following conditions from the **01 November 2026**:

Animals independent of age:

Point 3 (b) of Part I of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 as amended requires that the animals comply with specific risk-mitigating measures set by the competent authority of the member state of destination.

With the exception of Bluetongue serotype 3 (BTV-3), the animals shall comply with the following requirements:

- *They have been vaccinated with an inactivated vaccine against all BTV serotypes reported during the past 2 years in that Member State of origin and subjected to a PCR test, with negative results on samples collected at least 14 days after the onset of the immunity set in the specifications of the vaccine and collected not earlier than 14 days before the date of movement.*

OR

- *They have been subjected with positive results to a serological test able to detect specific antibodies against all serotypes 1-24 reported during the past 2 years in that Member State or zone, carried out on samples collected at least 30 days before the date of movement and they have been subjected to a PCR test with negative results, carried out on samples collected not earlier than 14 days before the date of movement.*

Having regard to **serotype BTV-3** and, in accordance with articles 13, 17, 24, 27 and 30 and point 3(b) of Part I of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 as amended, no conditions apply for animals belonging to species listed for '*Infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24)*' in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882.

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