

SCOTTISH BLUETONGUE VACCINATION DECLARATION

Vaccination of sheep and cattle against BTV8 is compulsory in Scotland, except for a few specified exemptions. All existing animals subject to compulsory requirements must be vaccinated between 3rd November and 30 April 2009 and there will be an ongoing requirement to ensure that animals born or purchased after this time are also vaccinated.

It is the purchaser's responsibility to establish the vaccination status of any animals that they buy. Purchasers will be required to vaccinate any animals that have not previously been vaccinated, or for which the vaccination status is not known.

Where animals are found unvaccinated after 30 April 2009 producers can face a penalty of a fine up to £5,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment.

Purpose of the document

The Scottish Bluetongue Vaccination Declaration serves two purposes:

1. To deliver management information about the bluetongue vaccination history of traded animals to the new keeper/owner.
2. To verify the bluetongue vaccination status of the animal, or batch of animals, through a signed declaration. A completed declaration may contribute towards evidence of compliance with the Scottish Compulsory Vaccination Programme.

Please note:- Export outwith a BTV8 protection zone will require veterinary certification. The Scottish Bluetongue Vaccination Declaration should not be used for this purpose.

Completing the document

The bluetongue vaccination declaration is to be completed by producers selling vaccinated, or partially vaccinated stock. The form should accompany animals to sale enabling them to be sold as 'declared vaccinated' or 'partially vaccinated'.

Private sales

The declaration should accompany the animal or animals providing the purchaser with details and dates of vaccination.

Auction sales

The declaration should be presented to the auctioneer prior to the sale. The animals will be sold as declared vaccinated with the sales receipt confirming this. The declaration will remain in the market records but purchasers may request a copy of the declaration and will be able to request the dates and details of vaccinations.

Some centres or sales may handle the declaration differently. If in doubt please contact your selling agent.