

GUIDANCE NOTES

FOR EXPORTING CATTLE AND SHEEP TO SHOWS IN GREAT BRITAIN

(The Show must be held in a Bluetongue Free Zone within Great Britain)

1. Exporting requirements for:

Sheep

- Sheep must have been continually resident in Northern Ireland for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of export to the Show. They must also have complied with the 6-day standstill period in Northern Ireland.

DARD Paperwork Required to accompany sheep to Show:

- Export Health Certificate (obtained from your Authorised Veterinary Inspector)

2. Exporting requirements for:

Cattle

- Cattle must have been continually resident in their holding of origin in Northern Ireland for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of export to the Show. They must also have complied with the 6-day standstill period in Northern Ireland.
- All cattle must have undergone a TB and BR (if applicable) test within 30 days of export to Great Britain.

DARD Paperwork Required to accompany cattle to Show:

- Export Health Certificate (obtained from your Authorised Veterinary Inspector)
- Passport(s)

3. Importing requirements for:

Cattle & Sheep

If your animals are not sold, a Specific Import Licence must be obtained to return them to your holding in Northern Ireland.

If you intend to purchase animals at the Show, a Specific Import Licence must also be obtained for purchased animals.

The licence(s) should be obtained **prior** to the sale (as a precautionary measure) by written application on form IL30, not later than 10 working days before estimated date of import to Northern Ireland. Application forms are available from the DARD website or by contacting Trade Branch

☎ 028 90 520 931 or ☎ 028 90 524 664

The above licences will be valid for a period of 21 days and must also be accompanied by:

- a Defra issued Export Health Certificate,
- Owner's Declaration; and
- Veterinary Supplementary certificate.
- A copy of the original export health certificate that travelled with the animals from NI to GB in the first place (applicable only to animals **returning** to NI)

On arrival into Northern Ireland, all imported animals (including those returning from Shows) must move into isolation and be subjected to post import Bluetongue testing. The animals must remain in isolation until all tests are completed and a de-restriction notice is issued by DARD.

Importers should note that any imported animals found to be infected with Bluetongue will be slaughtered and no compensation will be payable.