



## HEALTH CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCESS OF ANIMALS TO THE HOLSTEIN NIGHT

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### I. **Bovine animals from a member state of the European Union**

#### **Please contact your health authority as soon as possible!**

The address of the centre (on the 1st page) must be used as "Consignee" and as "Place of destination" in the health certificate.

#### **A. General conditions:**

Belgium has a brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis free status.

Belgium has an approved eradication programme for IBR.

All animals entering the fairground must be:

Carry 2 official marks in accordance with Art. 4 of Regulation 1760/2000 on the identification and registration of animals.

The animals must come from an establishment:

- Free of tuberculosis and located in a Member State or zone with a free status.
- Free of enzootic bovine leukosis.
- Free of brucellosis and situated in a Member State or zone with a free status.
- Free of IBR and situated in a Member State or zone with a free status or with an eradication programme.
- Not subject to any movement restriction measures under the Royal Decree of 18 September 2017 on the control of bovine viral diarrhoea and in which no IPI cattle have been present during the 12 months preceding the event.
- Not in an area where there are restrictions or prohibitions on cattle under the animal disease regulations.
- In which no cattle originating from countries outside the European Union have been introduced within 60 days prior to the date of participation in the event.
- **In which no cattle may have been introduced into the establishment during the 30 days prior to the date of participation (i.e. no cattle may be introduced after 08 February 2023). (See attached document)**

Participating animals must meet the following conditions:

- Be born in the herd or have been in the herd for at least 30 days prior to the date of participation in the event (08 February 2023).
- In the case of purchased cattle, to have carried out the 2 introductory serological tests for IBR (i.e. after 5 days and between 28 and 50 days).

## B. Health conditions:

- The animals must be accompanied by a certificate (2021/403) Model "BOV-INTRA-X" edited from the TRACES NT application.

In addition to the guarantees provided by the **certificate**, the animals must be tested for:

### ➤ **Brucellosis**

The animals must be sampled by the farm veterinarian within **30 days** before the competition (**after 08 February 2023**) and have obtained a negative result, using an official test in the country of origin.

### ➤ **I.B.R.**

The animals must:

- Come from herds with an IBR-free health qualification as provided for in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/689<sup>1</sup>
- Have obtained a negative result to an ELISA for the detection of antibodies against the IBR virus carried out on a sample taken within 30 days before participation.

The test to be applied must be one of the tests mentioned in Annex III - section 4 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689<sup>2</sup>, i.e. an indirect ELISA (ind ELISA) to detect the presence of antibodies to whole BHV-1, or a bocage ELISA to detect the presence of antibodies to the BHV-1 glycoprotein B (gB ELISA) In the case of cattle vaccinated with a gE-deleted DIVA vaccine, an ELISA for the detection of antibodies to BHV-1 glycoprotein E (gE ELISA) may be used.

The following are eligible to participate:

- ELISA gB- or ELISA ind - or ELISA gB+ but gE - or ELISA ind+ but gE- animals.
- **Animals from free establishments** and originating from a free zone/country or zone/country with an eradication programme.

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<sup>1</sup> COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2020/689 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for surveillance, eradication programmes and disease-free status for certain listed and emerging diseases.

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## ➤ **Besnoitiosis**

Animals must be collected by the farm veterinarian within 30 days prior to the event and have tested negative for besnoitiosis **ONLY in the following cases.**

- The cattle were born in or originate from countries outside the European Union.
- The cattle were born in or originate from EU Member States where besnoitiosis is endemic (France, Portugal, Spain, Italy);
- The cattle come from herds in which besnoitiosis has been diagnosed.
- The bovine animals come from herds in which bovine animals originating from EU Member States where besnoitiosis is endemic (France, Portugal, Spain, Italy) have been present during the 3 years preceding the event.

## ➤ **B.V.D.**

The animals must:

- either have a "non-IPI bovine" guarantee established by the competent authority of the country of origin on the basis of a virological examination.
- or have obtained a negative result to one of the virological tests listed below:
  - BVD RT-PCR test applied to:
    - serum analysed individually or in a mixture of a maximum of 10 or 50 samples, provided that the bovine animal is over 40 days old.
    - individual or pooled whole blood of up to 10 or 50 samples provided the bovine animal is over 40 days of age.
    - individual or pooled skin biopsy of maximum 25 samples.
  - Erns Ag ELISA applied to:
    - an individual skin biopsy
    - individual serum from cattle over 3 months of age
    - individual whole blood from cattle over 3 months of age

## ➤ **Bluetongue (ovine catarrhal fever)**

Belgium has been declared a restricted zone for bluetongue serotype 8 since 28 March 2019.

For the health certificate to BE,

- If the country of origin is not free of a serotype other than serotype 8 (e.g. France where serotype 4 is present)  
either the animals are vaccinated conventionally: 2 doses at 21 d + 60 d or 2 doses 21 d + immunity according to vaccine + 14 d + PCR.  
Or the animals meet one of the conditions listed on the last page of the document (link below).

[https://www.favv-afscab.be/santeanimale/fievrecatarrhale/\\_documents/20211217\\_Tableau-recapitulatif-conditions-export-FCO\\_EN-v8.pdf](https://www.favv-afscab.be/santeanimale/fievrecatarrhale/_documents/20211217_Tableau-recapitulatif-conditions-export-FCO_EN-v8.pdf)

## **Relaxation of import conditions for bluetongue from other Member States into Belgium**

<b>To Belgium</b>	Cattle Sheep Goats Camelids kept Stags kept Other farmed ungulates	Regardless of age	The animals were treated with an <b>insecticide</b> against the attacks of the vector (Culicoides) for a period of at least <b>14 days</b> before shipping. <b>and</b> were subjected to a <b>PCR test</b> for all serotypes (1-14) of bluetongue reported in the Member State or zone of origin during the previous two years, with favourable results (pooling of whole blood samples (1/3) for testing is allowed), at least 14 days after the start of vector treatment. <b>No conditions</b> are required for BTv8.
		Over 70 days	The animals must have been vaccinated against all serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State or zone of origin during the previous 2 years, except for BTv8. An animal is considered to be vaccinated more than 30 days have elapsed since the first primary vaccination (if the vaccine used requires a single dose) or more than 10 days have elapsed since the second primary vaccination (if the vaccine used requires 2 doses) and less than one year has elapsed since the last primary vaccination

- If the country of origin is free, no conditions.

**IEC animals:** return to their country of origin. In BE, presence of serotype 8.

- If the country is listed in the relaxation table, follow at least the conditions listed there.
- If the country is not listed in the table, the usual conditions apply.
- For serotype 8: classical vaccination 2 doses at 21 d + 60 d or 2 doses at 21 d + immunity according to vaccine + 14 d + PCR.

The animals must meet the conditions of the 2 paragraphs above before arriving in the BE.

In all cases, a certificate must be provided to enable the return certificate to be issued.

- All animals must be free of diseases, whether notifiable or not (gall, ringworm, etc.).

**Breeders must provide the veterinary inspector at the Fair with the analysis bulletins and certificates proving that the additional guarantees have been respected, the bluetongue certificate and the intra-Community exchange certificates must be given to the veterinary inspector.**

### **C. Transport:**

The transport of animals must be carried out either:

- **By the farmers themselves** using their own transport. These transports do not require authorisation. If the transport remains on the fairground after unloading and the same animals are reloaded (no rotation) for the return to the farm of origin, it is not necessary to clean and disinfect the vehicle before the return.
- **By professional transporters**  
Have an authorisation and approval of the means of transport by vehicle issued by the authorities of the country of origin.  
Drivers must have a certificate of competence.
- If there is no rotation, the professional transport remains on the fairground and the same animals are reloaded, there is no obligation to clean and disinfect before the return.

- If the professional transport rotates (several loads on the same day), the vehicle will be cleaned and disinfected between the rotations of the different batches using an approved disinfectant.  
**The necessary infrastructure will be provided.**

**Transport and disinfection data will be monitored.**

**D. Return :**

No sales can be made at the fair site

- For the return of the animals to their farm of origin, a new health certificate will be issued by the Belgian health authorities (FASFC).
- If necessary, a treatment of the trucks with a repellent/insecticide will be applied before the return to a country free of serotype 8 or transit - proof of this treatment must be provided to the organisers before the Traces certificate can be collected from the Belgian authorities.

**E. Sales:**

**No sales will be allowed on the fairgrounds.**