

BLUETONGUE (BTV8) VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

Application for Permission to Delay Vaccination of Remote Hill Flocks until after 30 April 2009



This form is for use by keepers of hill sheep in remote areas who are unable to vaccinate their flocks by 30 April 2009 due to animal welfare reasons. Such keepers should use this form to apply for permission to implement an extended deadline for vaccination of 30 June 2009. See the accompanying guidance document to check eligibility criteria before applying.

Note:

- i) Applications will only be considered for sheep flocks on remote areas north and west of the Great Glen (the Caledonian Canal).
- ii) Application for an extended deadline is a one-off measure for 2009 only. In future years, keepers must ensure that vaccination of all animals is planned to fit in with normal husbandry practices, and that revaccination of all adult animals is carried out in time to maintain full immunity.

This form should be returned to your local Animal Health Office by 01 April 2009 to be considered for the delayed deadline.

PART 1: Application (to be completed by keeper)

1. Name of keeper/owner

2. Address

3. Postcode .. Telephone no.

4. Holding CPH number Number of sheep

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5. Explanation of need to delay vaccination until after 30 April 2009 due to animal welfare reasons:

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6. Declaration:

I, the undersigned, being the keeper/owner of the animals detailed at paragraph 4 above, declare that:

- (i) due to animal welfare reasons I am unable to vaccinate them by 30 April 2009.
- (ii) I am aware that permission to make use of the extended deadline of 30 June 2009 applies only to those animals listed above.
- (iii) I shall undertake to ensure the vaccination of all animals identified in paragraph 4 as soon as possible, and in any case by 30 June 2009.

Signature..... Date

PART 2: Approval (to be completed by veterinary surgeon)

- 1. Veterinary Practice
- 2. Address
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- 3. Postcode .. Telephone no.

4. Declaration:

I, the undersigned, being a veterinary surgeon, declare that:

- (i) I agree there are significant animal welfare reasons that justify the sheep detailed in paragraph 4 being vaccinated between 30 April and 30 June 2009.
- (ii) I support the application detailed at paragraph 5 for the deadline for vaccination of the sheep listed to be extended until 30 June 2009.

Signature..... Date

Name (Block Capitals).....

PART 3: Acceptance (to be completed by Animal Health)

I, the undersigned, being a member of staff of Animal Health, **do / do not** grant permission for the deadline for vaccination of the sheep listed to be extended to 30 June 2009.

(if permission is NOT granted, the reasons why should be outlined on a separate piece of paper and attached to this form)

Signature..... Date

Name (Block Capitals).....

THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETAINED AT THE AHDO, AND A SIGNED COPY GIVEN TO THE KEEPER.

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GUIDANCE NOTES FOR KEEPERS

The attached form is for use by keepers of hill sheep in remote areas who are unable to vaccinate their flocks against bluetongue serotype 8 by 30 April 2009 due to animal welfare reasons. Such keepers should use the form to apply for permission to implement an extended deadline for vaccination of 30 June 2009.

Note:

- i) Applications will only be considered for sheep flocks on remote areas north and west of the Great Glen (the Caledonian Canal). The area eligible for consideration covers the mainland and islands and includes the Isle of Mull.
- ii) Application for an extended deadline is a one-off measure for 2009 only. In future years, keepers must ensure that vaccination of all animals is planned to fit in with normal husbandry practices, and that revaccination of all adult animals is carried out in time to maintain full immunity.

An application can only be approved if the farm's own veterinary practice can certify that there are significant animal welfare reasons that justify the sheep being vaccinated between 30 April and 30 June 2009. Valid reasons for applying are:

- Handling facilities are far from the flock, and:
- Ewes are still likely to be in lamb by 30 April, or
- Lambs at foot will be less than one month of age by 30 April.

You should ask your veterinary surgeon to complete the rest of the application form. If your veterinary surgeon is satisfied that your flock meets the criteria for an extended deadline the application form will be forwarded to your local Animal Health Office for confirmation and recording.

Your veterinary practice may charge you for providing the supporting certification. You are responsible for meeting these costs.

You should receive a letter from the Animal Health Office confirming whether or not your application for an extended deadline has been successful. If your application is **not** successful you must complete the vaccination of all your eligible stock by **30 April**.

If your application has been successful you may delay vaccination up to **30 June** but from that date all eligible livestock on your farm must be vaccinated.

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GUIDANCE NOTES FOR VETERINARY SURGEONS

The Scottish Government has accepted industry representations that there are a small number of flocks kept on very remote hills that cannot be vaccinated against bluetongue by 30 April without threatening the welfare of the ewes and lambs.

This agreement only extends to flocks or part flocks kept north or west of the Caledonian Canal.

You are being asked to confirm that there are significant animal welfare reasons that justify the sheep detailed in the application being vaccinated between 30 April and 30 June 2009.

The completed application form should be forwarded to your local Animal Health Office for confirmation and recording.