

## BLUE TONGUE VIRUS

Lincolnshire Show is held on Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln, LN2 2NA and is currently in a restricted zone. A control zone and a restricted zone are different types of zones and different controls apply.

Susceptible animals can move freely within restricted zones to attend and return from shows in the same restricted zone. Susceptible animals entering restricted zones from the free area to attend shows will only be licensed to leave the zone following the show if they meet the exit criteria for that zone.

These criteria will likely include testing requirements and restrictions at the destination premises outside the zone. DEFRA guidance from 10/02/25 states that exhibitors bringing their animals from outside the restricted zone will have to test for BTV and isolate their animals when they return home. Exhibitors from within the restricted zone do not have to test when returning home.

### Refunds:

- \* In the event that the guidance and restriction zones change, which may impact exhibitors in those areas, refunds will be offered to those affected exhibitors
- \* If DEFRA changes their guidance and the Show Committee rules to cancel the section, we will offer refunds to all competitors
- \* If an exhibitor enters the Show and subsequently withdraws their entry for any other reasons beyond the control of the Society, then refunds will not be given
- \* Refunds will be offered if Blue Tongue affects your herd / flock subject to receiving a Vet certificate. Biosecurity Cleansing and disinfecting facilities will be available for the interior, the wheels and exteriors of Livestock Vehicles. Exhibitors must follow instructions given to them by the Show Organisers, Stewards and Show Officials.

In particular, before leaving any animal area, exhibitors must cleanse and disinfect their footwear if it is contaminated with animal excreta and dispose of disposable clothing or change any contaminated clothing.

Exhibitors are also asked to keep the walkway beside their animals(s) as clear as possible from all bedding, used feed or animal excreta.

Livestock are to remain in the accommodation areas except for the purpose of going to be judged, to the Grand Parade in the Main Ring or upon leaving the Showground.

Before leaving the Showground, exhibitors should clean and disinfect their footwear, clothing and any equipment. Vehicle wheels should be cleansed of any visible contamination at the exit point of the Livestock Lines.

Livestock must be unloaded and reloaded in the designated areas and not walked through the vehicle park. You are advised to wash your hands after handling livestock.