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The Bluetongue (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026

Made - - - - at 11.10 a.m. on 2nd October 2026

Laid before the Scottish Parliament at 2.00 p.m. on 2nd October 2026

Coming into force - - 3rd October 2026

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 1 of the Animal Health Act 1981(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Bluetongue (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 and comes into force on 3 October 2026.

(2) This Order extends to Scotland only.

Amendment of the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012

2.—(1) The Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 24 (voluntary vaccination)—

(a) in paragraph (1) after "in" insert "a restricted zone (or part of a restricted zone) declared under article 16 or in",

(b) in paragraph (3) after "vaccine" insert "in a free area (or part of a free area)".

JIM FAIRLIE
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House
Edinburgh
At 11.10 a.m. on 2nd October 2026

(**a**) 1981 c. 22 ("the Act"). The order-making power in section 1 of the Act was originally conferred on "the Ministers", as defined in section 86(1) of the Act. The functions of the Ministers were, in so far as within devolved competence, transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(**b**) S.S.I. 2012/199, as amended by S.S.I. 2019/71.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2012 ("the Order").

Article 2 amends article 24 of the Order to enable the Scottish Ministers to permit voluntary vaccination in a bluetongue restricted zone.

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