

Protocol between
the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain,
the French Direction générale de l'alimentation du Ministère de l'Agriculture et
de la pêche,
the German Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und
Verbraucherschutz,
the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food and
the Luxembourg Ministry of Health
laying down rules for the implementation of administrative measures for the
control and eradication of bluetongue (BT-Agreement)

15. September 2006

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/75/EC of 20 November 2000 laying down specific provisions for the control and eradication of bluetongue,

Having regard to Decision 2005/393/EC as regards the restricted zones in relation to bluetongue as amended.

The Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain, boulevard Simon Bolivar 30, 1000 Brussels, represented by its General Director Dr. J.M. Dochy,

The Direction générale de l'alimentation du Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche, rue Vaugirard 251, Paris, represented by its Chief Veterinary Officer Dr M. Eloit,

Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz, represented by its Chief Veterinary Officer Prof. Dr. Zwingmann,

The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food, represented by its Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. P. De Leeuw,

The Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture, represented by its Chief Veterinary Officer, A.Besch,

agree the following :

Article 1

The intracommunity movements of ruminants and semen, embryos and ovas thereof, between the different zones installed following Bluetongue outbreaks in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxemburg and The Netherlands are executed according to the annex of this protocol.

This annex is established according to article 2 and article 2a of Decision 2005/393/EC as amended.

Article 2

With regard to Article 6 paragraph 2 of Commission Decision 2005/393/EC, Belgium, Germany, France, Luxembourg and The Netherlands generally, both as Member

States of transit and as Member States of destination, authorize the transit, provided the further requirements of article 6 are met.

Article 3

This protocol shall produce its effects from 19. September 2006.
It shall be reviewed in respect with the evolution of Bluetongue in the affected Member States and/or changes in EU-legislation.

For the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain,

Dr. J.M. Dochy

The Direction générale de l'alimentation du Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche,

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food,

Dr. P. De Leeuw,

The Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture,

Dr. A. Besch

ANNEX

1. Transport of ruminants from a 20-km-zone¹, excluding farms under restriction where Bluetongue disease has been confirmed, to a place of destination within a 20-km-zone. Animals and transport vehicles have to be protected against vectors at departure.
2. Transport of ruminants for slaughter from a 20-km-zone, excluding farms under restriction where Bluetongue disease has been confirmed, to a slaughterhouses within the protection zone² in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg or The Netherlands, or to appointed slaughterhouses in the protection zone in France. On the day before arrival at the slaughterhouse of destination each transport shall be:
 - clinically checked that the animals do not show clinical signs of bluetongue disease,
 - notified to the slaughterhouse of destination by fax at least in English,
 - protected against vectors (animals and transport vehicles)
3. Transport of ruminants from a protection zone to a place of destination within a protection zone. A channeling procedure is set up to prevent ruminants for breeding and production originating from a 20-km-zone to move thereafter to a zone of more favorable status (protection zone, surveillance zone, free zone) in another Member State. Transport of ruminants from a protection zone into the surveillance zone in France is not allowed.
4. Transport of semen, embryos and ovas if the semen, embryos and ovas are produced according to annex II, point B or C of Decision 2005/393/EC.
5. All movements of ruminants (slaughter, breeding and production) from a less restricted zone to a more restricted zone (free zone >> surveillance zone >> protection zone >> 20 km zone).
6. If ruminants are moved under the conditions of this protocol of agreement, the following sentence shall be added to the health certificate :

“Transport in accordance with the BT-Agreement of 15. September 2006“

¹ Zone according to Art. 6 para. 1 letter c of Council Directive 2000/75/EC.

² Protection zone as listed under “Zone F“ of Annex I of Commission Decision 2005/393/EC.