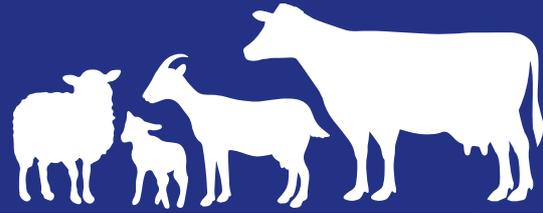


# Bluetongue... Keep it out!

## Did you know?

Bluetongue (BTV) is a disease that affects all ruminants and camelids. It has a significant impact on productivity and the ability of a country to trade. It does not affect humans.



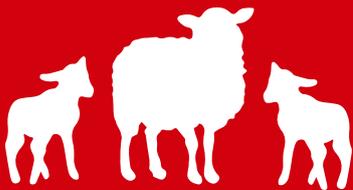
## Spread



Bluetongue is spread by infected midges and is currently widespread in mainland Europe. The main risk of spread to Northern Ireland is by importing infected animals.

## Remember

Sick livestock or unexplained deaths should be assessed by your vet. Bluetongue is a notifiable disease which by law must be reported to DAERA if suspected.



## Clinical Signs

The main signs in sheep are: mouth ulcers, drooling, swelling of the head and neck, lameness. Infected cattle and goats often show little or no signs.

## Imported Animals

### What happens if I import animals from countries at risk of Bluetongue?

Imported animals from countries at risk are restricted on farm until they have been tested for Bluetongue. If you import infected animals, they will be culled without compensation with movement restrictions placed on your holding.



For Sale



### Before importing livestock:

- Discuss with your veterinary surgeon
- Consider the risks and health status of animals
- Request pre-import tests for Bluetongue
- Ensure importation paperwork is correct

## New Stock

## Stay Aware

Visit the DAERA website for further advice and the latest news on Bluetongue: [www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/bluetongue](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/bluetongue)



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