

Regulation amending the Regulation on measures to limit the spread of bluetongue in ruminants

Legal basis: Adopted by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority xx.xx.xxxx pursuant to § 25 of the Regulations of 6 April 2022 No. 631 on Animal Health (the Animal Health Regulation), cf. Act No. 124 of 19 December 2003 on Food Production and Food Safety etc. (the Food Act) §§ 14, 15 and 19, Delegation Decision No. 1790 of 19 December 2003 and Delegation Decision No. 884 of 5 May 2004.

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Regulation No. 2374 of 27 September 2024 on measures to limit the spread of bluetongue in ruminants is amended as follows:

§ 1 second subparagraph shall read:

The regulation applies to businesses and people in connection with the national *movement of animals and germinal products* from the action zone *and in and from the vaccination zone*. The regulation also applies to businesses and people that choose to vaccinate ruminants against bluetongue in the vaccination zone.

§ 4 is repealed.

New § 4 shall read:

§ 4 Requirements for animals [ruminants] that are moved out of the action zone

Animals that are moved out of the action zone must be kept indoors for at least 15 days before relocation and test negative to a PCR test for bluetongue virus no earlier than the fifteenth day after the animal was placed indoors.

The operator of the establishment of origin shall record the dates when the animal was kept indoors before relocation and the test results in accordance with the requirements in the first subsection.

The requirements of this provision do not apply when:

- a) Animals are moved to mountain pastures*
- b) Animals are sent for slaughter*
- c) Camelid animals are moved in connection with mating*
- d) Calves for fattening are moved after 1 October to be held by the buyer until at least 1 December*
- e) Animals are moved in the period 1 December to 15 March, with the exception of pregnant cattle and pregnant camelid animals.*

§ 5 is repealed.

The title of § 6 shall read:

§ 6 Requirements for germinal products from other animals [ruminants] than cattle that are moved out of the action zone

§ 6A shall read:

§ 6A *Requirements for animals [ruminants] and germinal products that are moved out of establishments with a positive test for bluetongue virus in the vaccination zone*

When moving *animals* and germinal products out of establishments in the vaccination zone where animals or products have tested positive *for bluetongue virus* on a PCR test:

a) animals must *be kept* indoors for at least 15 days and test negative to a PCR test taken no earlier than the fifteenth day after the animal was placed indoors before it is moved out of *the establishment*.

b) the provisions for the movement of germinal products from other animals [ruminants] than cattle in § 2 of the Germinal Products Regulations, cf. Articles 16, 22 and 38 of Regulation (EU) 2020/686, apply with regard to bluetongue.

A positive PCR test for bluetongue virus that triggers the requirements for *animals* and germinal products are test results that are no older than three months.

The operator of the establishment of origin shall record the dates on which the animal was kept indoors before *relocation and test results*, in accordance with the requirements in the first subsection.

The requirements of this provision do not apply when:

- a) *Animals are moved to mountain pastures*
- b) *Animals are sent for slaughter*
- c) *Animals are moved in the period 1 December to 15 March, with the exception of pregnant cattle and pregnant camelid animals*
- d) *germinal products collected from animals in the period 1 December to 15 March.*

§ 7 shall read:

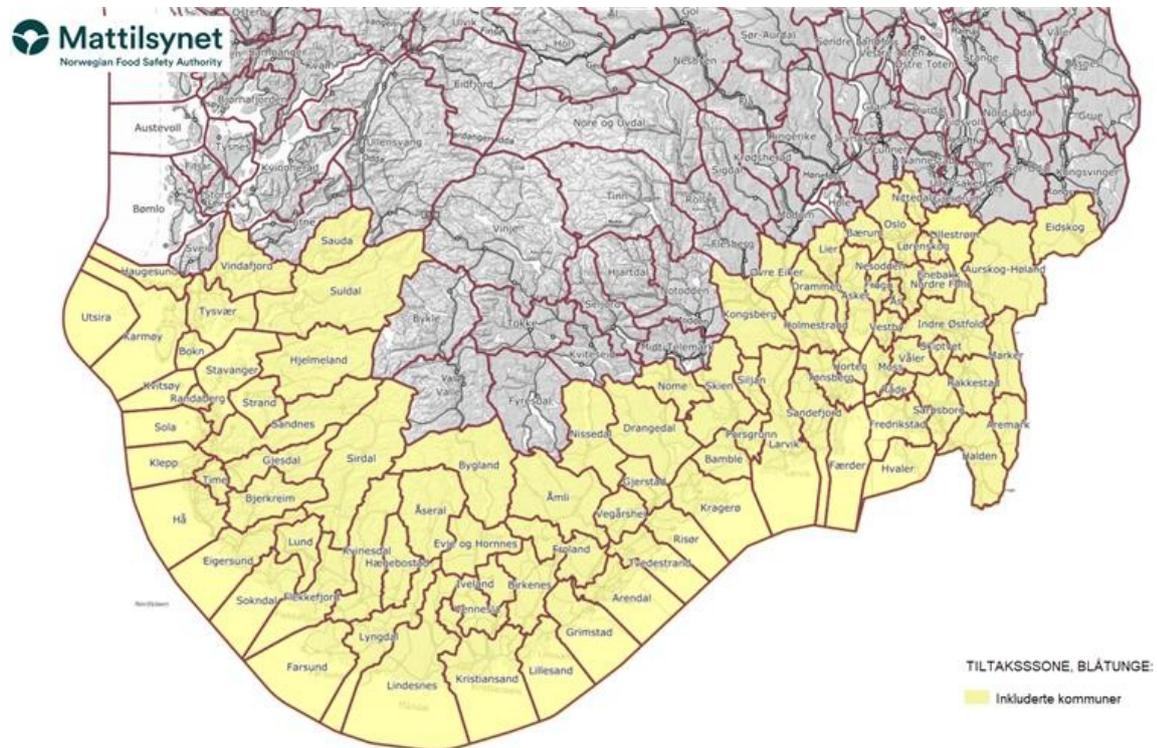
§ 7 *Vaccination of animals in the vaccination zone*

Vaccination of ruminants against *bluetongue virus* is permitted in the vaccination zone.

Annex 1 shall read:

Annex 1 – Action zone

The action zone is indicated in yellow on the map:



The action zone contains the following municipalities

Rogaland:

Utsira, Haugesund, Tysvær, Vindafjord, Bokn, Karmøy, Sauda, Suldal, Stavanger, Hjelmeland, Strand, Kvitesøy, Randaberg, Sola, Sandnes, Gjesdal, Klepp, Time, Hå, Bjerkreim, Eigersund, Sokndal and Lund.

Agder:

Flekkefjord, Farsund, Lyngdal, Kvinesdal, Sirdal, Åseral, Bygland, Evje and Hornnes, Åmli, Hægebostad, Lindesnes, Kristiansand, Vennesla, Iveland, Birkenes, Lillesand, Grimstad, Arendal, Froland, Tvedestrand, Risør, Vegårshei and Gjerstad.

Telemark:

Kragerø, Drangedal, Nissedal, Nome, Bamble, Porsgrunn, Skien and Siljan.

Vestfold:

Larvik, Sandefjord, Færder, Tønsberg, Horten and Holmestrand.

Buskerud:

Kongsberg, Øvre Eiker, Drammen and Lier.

Akershus:

Bærum, Asker, Nesodden, Frogn, Nordre Follo, Nittedal, Lillestrøm, Rælingen, Aurskog-Høland, Lørenskog, Enebakk, Ås and Vestby.

Oslo:

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Innlandet:

Eidskog.

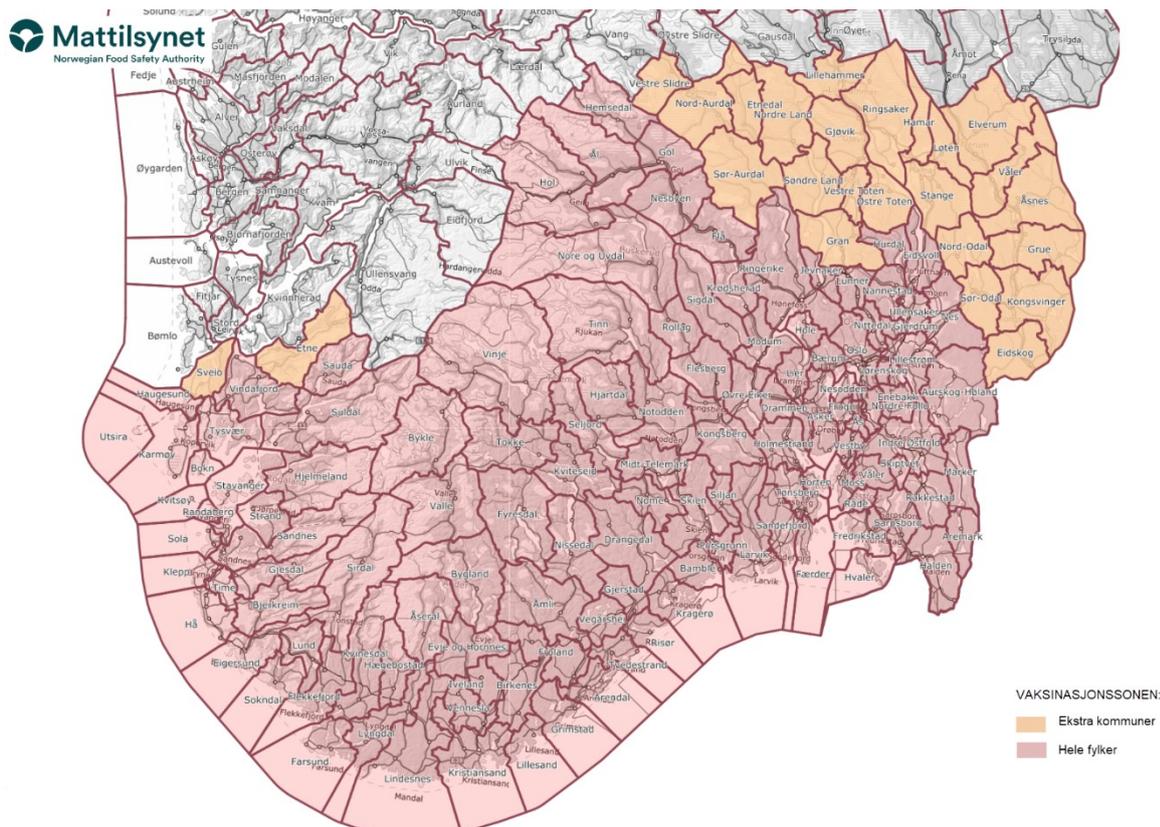
Østfold:

Indre Østfold, Rakkestad, Våler i Østfold, Skiptvet, Marker, Aremark, Halden, Hvaler, Fredrikstad, Sarpsborg, Råde and Moss.

Annex 2 shall read:

Annex 2 – Vaccination zone

The vaccination zone is indicated in pink and orange on the map:



The vaccination zone covers the counties of Rogaland, Agder, Buskerud, Telemark, Oslo, Akershus, Vestfold and Østfold. The vaccination zone also covers the municipalities of Sveio and Etne in Vestland county and the municipalities of Elverum, Våler, Åsnes, Grue, Nord-Odal, Sør-Odal, Kongsvinger, Gran, Hamar, Lillehammer, Gjøvik, Ringsaker, Løten, Stange, Nord-Aurdal, Sør-Aurdal, Etnedal, Nordre Land, Søndre Land, Vestre Slidre, Østre Toten, Vestre Toten and Eidskog in Innlandet county.

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The changes will enter into force on 28 April 2025.