

The Welsh Government

Declaration of a Bluetongue Virus Temporary Control Zone Near Tintern, Monmouthshire (BTD 2025/157)

The Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008⁽¹⁾ – Regulation 10(1), (3) and (4) and 28

The Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003⁽²⁾ – Article 5

- 1) Pursuant to Regulation 10(1), (3) and (4) of the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 (“the 2008 Regulations”), the Welsh Ministers declare the area described in Annex 1 to be a Temporary Control Zone.
- 2) In addition, as the Welsh Ministers suspect Bluetongue Virus to exist, the Welsh Ministers declare the area identified in Annex 1 to be a Temporary Control Area in accordance with article 5 of the Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003 (“the 2003 Order”) hereafter referred to as a ‘Temporary Control Zone’.
- 3) The Temporary Control Zone is marked on the map in Annex 1.
- 4) The measures set out in Annex 2 apply to the Temporary Control Zone.
- 5) These measures apply from 6pm on 1 October 2025 until this Declaration is withdrawn or amended by further written declaration.

Time and Date made: 18:00 on 1 October 2025

Signed: Dr Richard Irvine, Chief Veterinary Office for Wales

Under authority of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, one of the Welsh Ministers

⁽¹⁾ The Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 S.I.2008/1090 (W.116), as amended.

⁽²⁾ The Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003 S.I. 2003/399 (W.56), as amended.

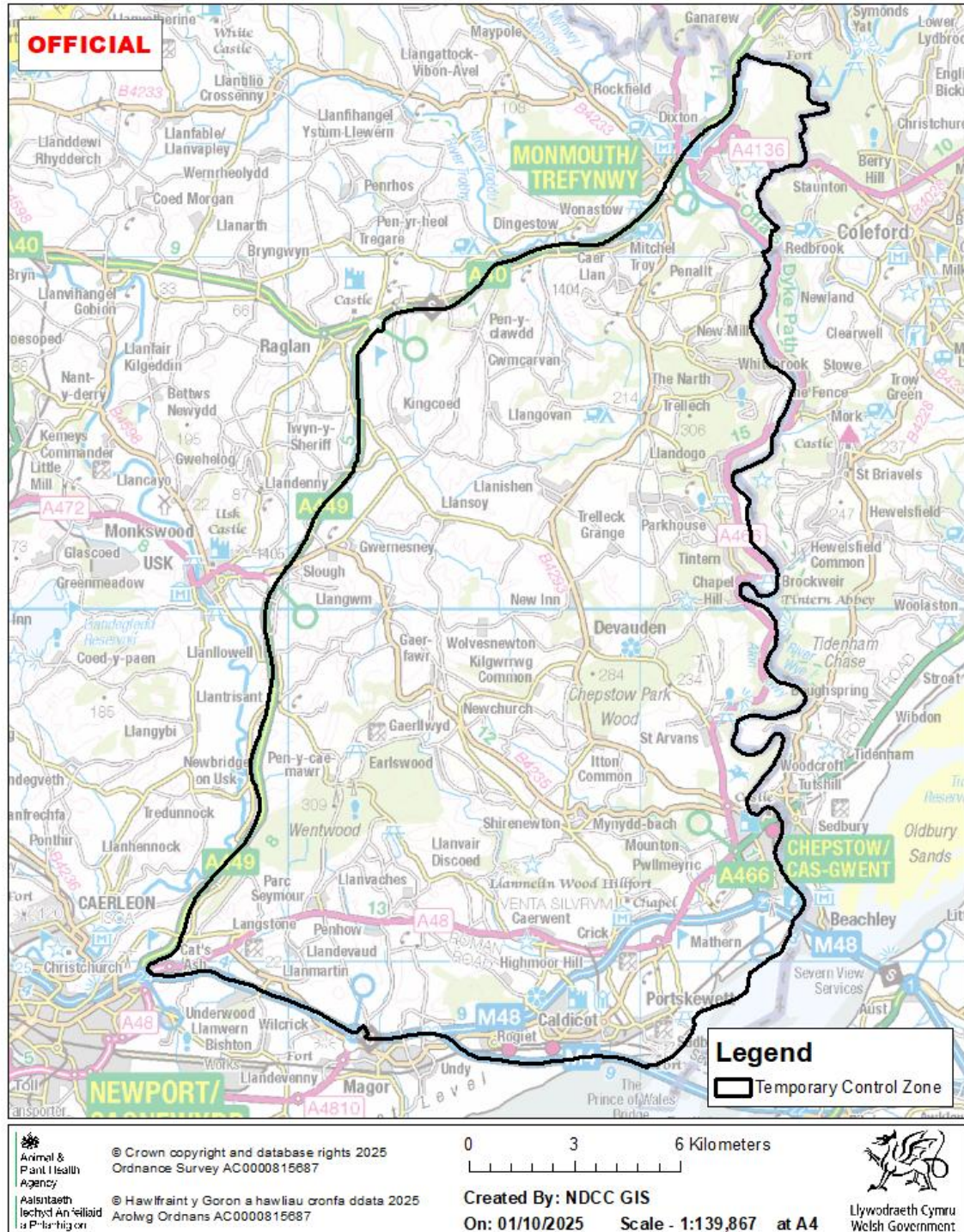
Any person who contravenes any requirement or prohibition of a declaration made under the 2008 Regulations shall be committing an offence and may be liable on summary conviction to a level 5 fine on the standard scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or both (by virtue of regulation 25 of the 2008 Regulations).

Any person who contravenes any requirement or prohibition of a declaration made under the 2003 Order shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both (by virtue of section 72 of the Animal Health Act 1981).

Copies of this Declaration are available at the Welsh Government [webpages](#) and from the Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ. The Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 are available [here](#). The Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003 is available [here](#). The Exotic Disease (Application and Amendment of Enactments) (Wales) Order 2024, which made amendments to both the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 and the Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003 on 23 September 2024 is available [here](#).

Annex 1 - Map showing the Temporary Control Zone

Bluetongue Serotype 3 Temporary Control Zone Near Tintern, Monmouthshire 01 October 2025



Annex 2 – Temporary Control Zone

The Temporary Control Zone (TCZ) comprises those parts of Wales contained within the area bordered by a red line on the map in Annex 1.

Measures in the Temporary Control Zone

1. The measures set out in Regulation 10(4) of the 2008 Regulations apply. In relation to the Temporary Control Zone, no person may move any animal or germinal product on to or off premises in the zone except in accordance with a licence issued by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector or officer of the Welsh Ministers acting under the instructions of a veterinary inspector.
2. Pursuant to article 5(5) of the 2003 Order, no person shall freeze any germinal product, being the embryo, ovum, or semen of a ruminating animal or a camelid, located in the Temporary Control Zone declared under article 5 of the 2003 Order unless the germinal product is frozen on premises designated under regulation 14A of the 2008 Regulations or otherwise in accordance with the terms of a licence issued by the Welsh Ministers.

Notice

3. Pursuant to Regulation 28 of the 2008 Regulations and as a derogation from the measures set out in Regulation 10(4) of the 2008 Regulations and applied in the Temporary Control Zone as set out at point 1 above, a person may move dairy cattle from the location at which they are kept to the milking parlour for milking and returned directly to the place of origin. The movement shall be by foot to and from the regular place of milking for this herd.

Notes:

1. The “2008 Regulations” are the Bluetongue (Wales) Regulations 2008 (as amended)³.
2. Regulation 10(4) of the 2008 Regulations: Where a TCZ has been established, no person may move any animal or germinal product on to or off premises in the zone except in accordance with a licence issued by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector or officer of the Welsh Ministers acting under the instructions of a veterinary inspector.
3. Regulation 7(1) of the 2008 Regulations: Premises partly inside a TCZ and not inside any other zone are treated as being inside the TCZ.

³ S.I. 2008/1090 (W.116), as amended.

4. Regulation 2(1) of the 2008 Regulations:
 - a. “animal” means a ruminating animal or a camelid,
 - b. “germinal product” means the embryo, ovum, or semen of an animal.
5. The “2003 Order” is the Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003 (as amended)⁴.

⁴ S.I. 2003/399 (W.56), as amended