

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

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) ‘holding’ : agricultural or other establishment where animals of species susceptible to bluetongue are permanently or temporarily reared or kept;
- (b) ‘susceptible species’ : all ruminants;
- (c) ‘animal(s)’ : animal(s) belonging to a susceptible species, excluding wild animals with regard to which specific provisions may adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 20(2);
- (d) ‘owner’ or ‘holder’ : the natural or legal person(s) owning the animals or responsible for their upkeep, whether in return for payment or not;
- (e) ‘vector’ : an insect of the species *Culicoides imicola* or any other insect of the genus *Culicoides* capable of transmitting bluetongue, to be identified according to the procedure laid down in Article 20(2), on the advice of the Scientific Veterinary Committee;
- (f) ‘suspicion’ : appearance of any clinical sign suggesting bluetongue in a susceptible species, together with a set of epidemiological data enabling such a possibility to be reasonably envisaged;
- (g) ‘confirmation’ : the declaration by the competent authority, based on laboratory results, that the bluetongue virus is circulating in a specific area; however, in the event of an epidemic, the competent authority may also confirm the presence of the disease on the basis of clinical and/or epidemiological results;
- (h) ‘competent authority’ : the central authority of the Member State competent to conduct veterinary checks, or any other veterinary authority to which it has delegated this competence;
- (i) ‘official veterinarian’ : the veterinarian designated by the competent authority^[F1];
- ^[F2](j) ‘live attenuated vaccines’ : vaccines which are produced by adapting bluetongue virus field isolates through serial passages in tissue culture or in embryonated hens’ eggs.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive 2012/5/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Directive 2000/75/EC as regards vaccination against bluetongue.](#)
- F2** Inserted by [Directive 2012/5/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 amending Council Directive 2000/75/EC as regards vaccination against bluetongue.](#)