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CREMONA INTERNATIONAL DAIRY SHOW 2025

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AT LIVESTOCK EXHIBITIONS

Livestock exhibitions are subject to verification, by the competent Val Padana Territorial Health Department, of their observance and maintenance of applicable structural and management requisites, and said health requisites are applied in relation to the species of animals held on site, pursuant to Italian Legislative Decrees 134/2022 and 136/2022, and Regulation (EU) 429/2016 (as amended) and its delegated and implementing acts.

- The animals are subject to veterinary controls when brought into the exhibition centre, or otherwise as indicated by the competent Veterinary Department; the owners and holders of the animals must facilitate said controls by providing the animals with appropriate equipment for their containment.
- All vehicles authorised to transport the animals must, before loading, be cleaned, washed and disinfected (Part IV, Title 1, Chapter 3, Section 1, Article 125 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 as amended) and treated/protected with insect repellent against flies, mosquitoes and Diptera.
- The following Exhibition Centre ID code must be given on the accompanying paperwork or international certificates: IT036CR01M.
- The organiser of the exhibition must ensure observance of the minimum biosecurity requirements by the site. The animals must be kept and cared for in such a way as to assure their wellbeing, in observance of the ethological characteristics of their various species, as well as to prevent them escaping.
- No animals not authorised by CremonaFiere S.p.A. are allowed on the exhibition grounds on which participating animals are staying or transiting.

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- Pursuant to art. 6 of Legislative Decree no. 136, 5 August 2022, exhibitors must report any cases of infective disease (including suspected cases) to the exhibition's officially designated veterinarians.
- The organiser of the exhibition must register the entrance of the animals in the National Data Bank (NDB), as well as registering the documents accompanying their entrance/exit in the NDB, and also register their exit from the exhibition as required.
Breeders, themselves or in the person of their representative, must register all movements into and out of the exhibition centre in the NDB.
- Animals arriving directly from Member and Third Party States must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the competent Health Authorities.

CATTLE:

Participating cattle must be properly identified pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree 134/2022, Ministerial Decree 07 March 2023, Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, Regulation (EU) 2021/520 with special reference to art. 20, and Decree of the Italian Ministry of Health 2 May 2024, registered in the NDB with their respective movements and subjected to clinical controls by the official veterinarian at their origin.

ALL CATTLE AND BUFFALOES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN NATIONALISED AND ARE ARRIVING DIRECTLY FROM MEMBER STATES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL PASSPORT, WHICH MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF THEIR HEALTH EXAMINATION (for entry into the digital livestock register: *we ask that the breeders of the animals also provide a COPY of said passport to facilitate the procedure*).

TUBERCULOSIS, BRUCELLOSIS AND BOVINE LEUCOSIS

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/620, cattle participating at livestock exhibitions must come from farms which are:

- ✓ Free of TBC
- ✓ Free of brucellosis
- ✓ Free of enzootic bovine leucosis

All cattle must be accompanied by their accompanying documentation pursuant to Article 8, section 7, of Italian legislative decree 5 August 2022, no. 134, indicating their bovine/buffalo species, drawn up in the National Data Bank and **validated by the Official Veterinarian**, attesting a **positive health examination** and **negative intradermic test for tuberculosis and, for animals older than 1 year of age, a negative serological test for brucellosis and bovine leucosis, dated no more than 30 days previously.**

Cattle from breeders OFFICIALLY FREE of Tuberculosis, Brucellosis and Bovine Leucosis located in provinces and regions not officially free of Tuberculosis or Brucellosis may only participate in the exhibition:

- pursuant to Decree of the Italian Ministry of Health 2 May 2024, Annexes 1b, 2b and
- on condition that the cattle have tested negative for tuberculosis no earlier than 30 days prior to the event if older than 6 weeks of age, and passed a negative serological test for Brucellosis and Leucosis if older than 12 months of age, and
- on condition that they are accompanied by their accompanying documentation, issued pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree 134/2022 by the National Data Bank, signed and validated by the Official Veterinarian, attesting a positive health examination and negative intradermic test for tuberculosis for animals older than six weeks of age and, for animals older than 1 year of age, a negative serological test for brucellosis and bovine leucosis, and
- on condition that said animals are kept in areas clearly segregated from other animals in such a way that they cannot come into direct contact with them, even when they are moved around on the various occasions within the exhibition grounds. The said areas shall be properly cleaned and disinfected prior to the entrance of the animals.

Cattle originating in territories not free of disease may only be transported subsequently for direct return to their original breeder or, if transported from the exhibition to a fattening farm located in Lombardy or to another territory officially free of disease, are thereafter to be transported solely for slaughter. Animals from provinces or regions not officially free of disease may not be transported to breeders other than their original farms.

Animals arriving from EU and non-EU countries must be accompanied by the certifications required by established regulations.

Cattle sent to the exhibition must have undergone:

- ✓ No earlier than 30 days previously: negative intradermic test for tuberculosis
- ✓ No earlier than 30 days previously: negative serological examination for BRUC and LEB
(animals older than 12 months of age)

N.B. CATTLE ARRIVING FROM PROVINCES, REGIONS OR STATES RECOGNISED AS BEING FREE OF THE ABOVE (by a Community Decision) MUST ALSO BE TESTED FOR **TBC, BRUC, LEUCOSIS, IBR AND BVD** BY THE STATED PROCEDURES.

BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHOEA (BVD)

To enter the exhibition grounds, all animals must satisfy the following requirements:

- **No earlier than 30 days previously:** negative PCR blood test

The result of the test must be entered into section E of the accompanying documentation and the health certificates for animals arriving from EU member and third party states.

INFECTIVE BOVINE RHINOTRACHEITIS (IBR)

To enter the exhibition grounds, all animals **of any age** must satisfy the following requirements:

- **No earlier than 30 days previously: favourable serological IBR test for cattle/buffalo. The result of the test must be entered into section E of the accompanying documentation and the health certificates for animals arriving from EU member and third party states.**

Animals permitted into the premises must therefore be:

- **Seronegative**
or
- **gE negative**

Animals arriving directly from Member States must be accompanied by the health certificate required for EU trade, issued by the competent Health Authorities. The applicable regulation in this case is Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689.

Since the territory of the province of Cremona is not included, pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620, in the zones free of disease or having an approved eradication programme, **in case of application for re-entry of animals originating in zones or Member States free of IBR or with approved eradication programmes, this may be permitted if there is a specific bi-lateral agreement between the Italian Health Authorities and the destination Member States.**

The spaces for holding and managing the cleaned and disinfected animals on the exhibition grounds will be organised according to their countries of origin.

BLUE TONGUE

- Movement inside the country (ITALY)

With regard to permission for the movement of animals and the relative conditions, reference is made to the provisions of the Ministry Directorate Order prot. no. 10022-04/04/2025-DGSAF-MSD-P 7703 "*nationwide uniform classification with regard to the serotypes in circulation in Italy and relevant information*", which considers the whole country as a single uniform zone with regard to the strains in circulation, which are BTV 1, BTV 3, BTV 4 and BTV 8, except for the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, the only zone clear of the disease.

Free movement of animals is therefore permitted within the infected areas, which include the Lombardy Region and the Cremona district, where exposure is possible.

Naturally, the recommendation stands that in all cases every possible precaution should be taken to restrict and reduce the risk to livestock, and therefore **animals must be protected by treatment with insect-repellents.**

Moreover, voluntary vaccination is possible and permits free movement of animals of the vulnerable species throughout Italy and the EU, regardless of their areas of origin, provided the vaccination covers all the serotypes in circulation in the countries/zones of origin and destination (0002280-27/01/2025-DGSAF-MDS-P). Vaccination timings are defined by Ministerial regulations 0017050-28/05/2024 -DGSAF-MSD-PA and animals must have been immunised no earlier than 12 months previously, while for vaccines administered in two doses at least 10 days must have passed since the second dose, and for vaccines administered in a single dose animals must have been vaccinated at least 30 days previously.

Animals of Italian origin must have the accompanying documentation required by article 8, point 7 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 134 of 5 August 2022 for cattle/buffalo, issued directly by the National Database, stating, for vaccinated animals, the dates of vaccination against each serotype for each animal, together with the vaccine used, in accordance with the timings specified in the aforesaid regulation.

➤ Movement from MEMBER STATES

Animals arriving **directly from Member States** must be accompanied by the health certificate required for EU trade, issued by the competent Health Authorities. The applicable regulation in this case is Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689, Annex V, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1, points 1 to 8.

Therefore, please note that the following is the protocol specifying the conditions established by Italy and published on the EU website (https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/surveillance-eradication-programmes-and-disease-free-status/bluetongue_en#movements – 'Movements within the EU') which permits the movement of animals in accordance with points 5 to 8, annex V, part II, chapter 2, section 1 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689.

In particular, it states that animals which enter Italy and return to their country of origin must have been:

- Vaccinated at least 60 days prior to travel with BTV serotypes reported in the zone of origin/destination; or
- Protected against attack by vectors with insecticides or insect repellents for at least 14 days prior to travel, and subjected, with a negative outcome, to a PCR test of samples drawn at least 14 days after the start of the period of protection against attack by vectors (Annex V, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1, point 6 of Regulation (EU) 689/2020).

Without prejudice to the regulations agreed between Italy and the state of origin, especially as regards animals arriving from non-EU countries (including the UK).

Information concerning the serotypes circulating in Italy is available in the Bollettino epidemiologico nazionale veterinario (National Veterinary Epidemiological Bulletin) of the IZSAM (Abruzzo and Molise Zooprohylaxis Institute). Select Bluetongue at the following link:

https://www.izs.it/BENV_NEW/datiemappe_en.html.

➤ Stay of animals at the exhibition

To ensure safe re-entry of animals from the exhibition grounds, the continued protection against vectors of all animals throughout their time at the exhibition will be managed and certified by the organiser's designated veterinarians if necessary under re-entry regulations.

➤ Exhibition grounds

The exhibition grounds (halls, logistics warehouse, exhibition ring and surrounding outdoors areas) must be treated with insect repellent to eliminate all vector insects in the area.

EHDV

Further to the evolution of the epidemiological situation of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD), it is now considered necessary to implement risk reduction measures, substantially similar to those adopted for Blue Tongue, to enable livestock to be moved safely.

As a temporary measure, and as envisaged by ministerial bulletin 0031308-23/10/2024-DGSAF, pending publication of a new European Regulation, animals from zones under EDHV restriction orders will be admitted to the exhibition grounds provided they have been protected against attack by vectors with insecticides or insect repellents for at least 14 days prior to travel, and have been subjected, with a negative outcome, to a PCR test of samples drawn at least 14 days after the start of the period of protection against attack by vectors.

ANIMAL WELFARE

REQUISITES

The organiser of the exhibition must assure the availability of a veterinary service dedicated to emergency response and the care of the animals as required.

Note that Italian Legislative Decree no. 146 of 2001, art. 2, requires that **the owner**, custodian or keeper **must take measures to ensure the wellbeing of their animals and to prevent any pain, suffering or harm to them;**

It follows that any measures or actions which do not promote the health and wellbeing of the animals and result in unjustifiable suffering or illness **are prohibited.**



Without prejudice to the obligation to observe all regulations governing animal welfare, we highlight below (as examples and non-exhaustively) a number of aspects and types of conduct which any breeder/custodian/keeper must observe and bear and mind when caring for their animals, including during the exhibition.

TREATMENTS

No other substance, with the exception of therapeutics, may be administered to the animals; treatments, substances and measures whose sole purpose is to improve the look or performance of the animal and which cause suffering of any kind, even if only due to their administration, are prohibited; in case of doubt, refer to the exhibition's designated veterinarian.

DRUGS

No veterinary medicines may be administered to the animals at the exhibition except following veterinary examination and prescription; any such treatments will be administered by the exhibition's veterinary or under their supervision and responsibility.

Any authorised and administered treatments must be registered by the exhibition veterinary, as required by law.

SOLID FOODS AND LIQUIDS

Foods and liquids may only be administered to the animals in such a way as not to cause suffering or harm, nor may such foods and liquids contain any substances that cause suffering or harm.

All animals must be provided access to their feed at the intervals demanded by their physiology.

All animals must have permanent access to an appropriate amount of water of adequate quality, or must be able to satisfy their need to take on liquids in some other manner.



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MILKING COWS

Note that Regulation (EC) 1/2005 for the transport of animals and extensible by analogy to the treatment of lactating cows, requires that lactating cows, if not accompanied by their progeny, be milked at intervals of no more than 12 hours.

SANCTIONS

Any maltreatment will be punished as required by the law and, if necessary, reported to the competent judicial authorities.

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