

**UK proposal for use of
'Lower Risk Zone' in
Great Britain
as part of an Exit
Strategy from Bluetongue**

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PROPOSAL

Change from 'BTV8 PZ' to 'LRZ BTV8'

No domestic cases for over 18 months

2009 GB Surveillance = One year evidence of no disease circulating

Surveillance in 2010 will continue

- Targeted end of season survey across GB
- Enhanced laboratory surveillance – abortion testing and differential diagnosis for submissions
- Pre-movement tests to free zones
- Clinical report cases

PLUS

- Continued vaccination
- Modelling risk of windborne incursion



Additional **monthly** surveillance to meet requirements in 1266/2007 for LRZ

- 150 animals per month
- All BTV serotypes
- Target unvaccinated animals
- Flexible, risk based sampling
 - Targeted to area of highest risk in South/South East of England
 - In the period of high risk transmission season from June-Nov

Conclusion

LRZ will help GB to secure freedom from disease, and provides extra assurance to MSs looking to source animals from GB



Thank you