



Participation Conditions

Nuit de la Holstein 2020

A. ORGANISERS

Holstein Night is organised by the Dairy Boards of the provinces of Namur and Luxembourg and the non-for-profit organisation Elevéo by awé.

B. COMPETITION - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- a) **First-calf heifers and cows:** The animals must be tracked from birth and subject to official milk control.
- b) **Heifers:** Heifers must be a maximum of 30 months of age and have not calved. Their mother must be tracked from birth and subject to official milk control.
- c) **General conditions:** All other conditions in force for official Belgian competitions shall apply to the Holstein Night competition.
- d) Each participant breeders could send with the registration form the copy of the official lactation certificate and pedigree of the female.

C. HEALTH CONDITIONS FOR FOREIGN ANIMALS



Authorised to be exported to Belgium:

To be exported from EU countries, cattle must be authorised for export by the veterinary inspection body (see TRACES document).

Find out about this from your health authority as soon as possible.

In short, you must obtain your export certificate from your veterinary inspection in order to obtain a TRACE certificate.

This address must be used as the 'Recipient' and the 'Destination' on the health certificate.

Don't forget you will need the IBR analysis report.

In order to allow such an assembly, the animals' transport will be channeled from the border to the exhibition venue (and back). No other animals will be allowed to be transported in the same transportation means as the bovines participating.

Before moving into the assembly center, all animals will have to be checked by the local competent Veterinary Health Authority.

The owners/holders must cooperate in the health inspection by properly restraining the animals.

The animals transport must comply with the requirements of regulation 1/2005.

The cleaning and disinfection of the vehicles used to transport the animals must be certified by the Veterinary Authority of the region of origin, in accordance with directive 64/432/EEC.

At the exception of animals coming from Belgium, all animals from another member State of the European Union must be accompanied by a TRACES certificate (with a 24-hour notice through the TRACES system), completed by competent veterinary authorities in the country of origin.

Each animal must be accompanied by its individual identification certificate (passport) and all its test results, in accordance with article 2 hereunder.

TRACE DETAILS :

AeR/Lux/005754

Cheval de Traits Ardennais

Rue des Aubépines 50

B -6800 LIBRAMONT

Certification number: communicate as soon as possible

TRACES certificates and animals individual test must be sent 24 hours prior to arrival (by e-mail at: info@nuitdelaholstein.com).

The carriers must ensure that :

- The transport lorries are accredited by a competent health authority
- The lorries were disinfected before loading
- The transported animals have at no time, between the departure from the farms or assembly centers and the arrival at the show venue, come into contact with other bovines.

a) Livestock farm requirements

In accordance with the Community Regulation regarding the intra-community movements, in order to be able to participate the animals must come from **livestock farms** that are :

- **-Officially free from bovine tuberculosis**
- **Officially free from bovine brucellosis**
- **Officially free from enzootic bovine leucosis**
- The animals must also come from livestock farms **free from IBR** (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis) or **officially free from IBR** according to the local plan of the competent Veterinary Health Authority of the Participating Country.

As Belgium has an official control program for IBR approved by the European Union, and is in the Annex I of the European Decision 2004/558/CE dated 15 July 2004, the disposition of this Decision for the movement of animals to a member state of the Annex I are under application.

Additionally to the Decision 2004/558/CE dated 15 July 2004, the animals must also come from livestock farms free from **IBR** (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis) or **officially free from IBR** according to the local plan of the competent Veterinary Health Authority of the Participating Country (Belgian Royal Decree adopted, 25 of November 2016).

The competent Veterinary Health Authority gives this status to each farm.

The simplest solution applies for countries where the IBR national plan is accredited by EU (Annex I or II countries), where such status are officially given to IBR free farms.

It can be the case also for some countries that have an official national IBR plan.

For the other countries or for farms not qualified IBR free or officially free, the competent Veterinary Health Authority of the country may give this qualification to a herd, in accordance to conditions given in the annex III of the European Decision 2004/558/CE dated 15 July 2004.

b) Health Requirements for animals

Regardless of the health status in the region of origin, and in addition to the health requirements imposed on farms, female bovines must have individually completed the following negative tests prior to the departure from the farms of origin.

- **Simple intradermal tuberculin, or any other officially accredited test**
- **Officially accredited individual brucellosis test**
- **Individual enzootic bovine leucosis test**
- **For IBR/IPV, individual tests :**
 - in case of vaccinated bovines, antibodies against BHV-1 glycoprotein gE,
 - in case of unvaccinated bovines, total antibodies against BHV-1 virus.
- **Animals must have submitted or obtained a negative result from one of the BVD-V screening protocols listed below :**

RT-PCR BVD applied on :

- Individual serum, in a pool of max. 50 samples if bovine animal is at least 40 days old or a pool of max. 10 samples if the bovine animal is less than 40 days old.
- Full individual blood sample, in a pool of max. 50 samples if the bovine animal is at least 40 days old or a pool of max. 10 samples if the bovine animal is less than 40 days old.
- A skin biopsy, either individual or in a pool of max. 25 samples.

Erns Ag ELISA test applied on :

- An individual skin biopsy.
- Individual serum of bovine animals over 3 months old.
- Full individual blood sample of bovine animals over 3 months old.

- **Health requirements for Bluetongue**

Belgium isn't free from Bluetongue (BTV8).

Animals from a **non restricted zone** (e xpl Netherlands, Luxembourg,...) meaning free from disease may participate in the event. However, we recommend you to pay attention of your condition of the return in your country. (Obligation to vaccinate for the BTV8).

Animals from a **restricted zone** (contaminated only with BTV 8) may participate in the event without any special conditions.

Please note: if the animals transit through a restricted area during transport, both the animals and the means of transport must be treated with an authorized repellent and/or insecticide. Proof of this treatment must be provided when the health certificate is completed by the veterinary services.

Animals from a restricted zone (contaminated zone except for the BTV 8) are authorized to participate in the event under the following conditions:

- Either they were vaccinated more than 60 days ago (after the primary vaccination) against the serotype(s) present in the restricted zone or have been revaccinated during the period of guaranteed immunity stated in the vaccine specifications
 - Or they were vaccinated at least the number of days which, according to the vaccine specifications, is necessary for immune protection (after the primary vaccination), and were subjected to a pathogen identification test (PCR) at least 14 days after the onset of immune protection set in the vaccine specifications, and the result was negative;
 - European regulation provides for other certification options in connection with conventional intra-EU trade, but only animals that meet the conditions (vaccinated) listed above will be authorized to enter the show ring. The health certificate will therefore be completed to include the following statement : “Animal(s) vaccinated against the Bluetongue serotype(s)... (List the serotype(s)) using an inactivated/modified live vaccine (delete as appropriate)... (List the name of the vaccine) in accordance with point 5 of part A of annex 3 of regulation (EC) no. 1266/2007.”
 - The animals and their transportation must be treated with a repelling agent and/or an authorized insecticide. Proof of this treatment is necessary for the drafting of the health certificate by the veterinarian. A bluetongue vaccination certificate, issued by a veterinarian listing individual animal identification, the dates of vaccination and the name of the vaccine used, must be presented upon entry during the health check. The analysis report of a PCR test must also be presented during the health check if necessary.
- **Furthermore, the animals must not carry hypoderma bovis larvae**

Requirements for dates of sampling and analyses for the different tests above: Given the different sanitary situations in Europe, e.g. Annex I, II or null, the requirements may be slightly different between countries.

A specific health registration form, with the different dates for each of the tests mentioned above, will be communicated to each one after registration.