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# General licence for the removal of the meat mark applied to certain poultry meat (EXD264(HPAI)(EW))

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This licence permits, subject to compliance with relevant law, any person in England and Wales to remove the meat mark applied to certain poultry meat for the purposes of processing or repacking.

This licence is valid from **10am on 12 December 2022** and revokes and replaces the EXD264(HPAI)(EW) licence which came into force at 1pm on 3 March 2022.

This licence has been issued by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Welsh Government and it applies to England and Wales.

Signed: Andy C Smith  
Authorised by the Secretary of State

Date: 12 December 2022                      Time: 4:20pm

Signed: Megan Gaizutyte  
Authorised by the Welsh Ministers

Date: 12 December 2022                      Time: 10am

If the activity that you wish to undertake is not covered by this licence, or if you are unable to comply with any of the terms and conditions which apply to the use of this licence, then you will need to apply for a **specific licence** (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-exemption-from-avian-influenza-disease-control-restrictions>).

## Legislation

This licence is made under the powers contained in the Animal Health Act 1981 (as amended) and “the Order” which means:

- The Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006 (as amended)
- The Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No. 2) Order 2006 (as amended)

This general licence is issued in accordance with:

- Article 63(6) of the Order in England and Wales

## Explanatory notes

1. For the purpose of this licence “poultry meat” means poultry meat and any product containing it which has not been heat treated at a minimum temperature of 70°C, reached throughout the entire meat or product.
2. The mark must be re-applied in the same form once processing or repackaging has been completed, unless the poultry meat has been heat treated at a minimum temperature of 70°C reached throughout the entire meat or meat product.
3. For further details of legislation covering avian influenza in:
  - a. England – see **bird flu guidance** (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#legislation-on-avian-influenza>) (Gov.UK)
  - b. Wales - see the **Welsh Government website** (<https://gov.wales/avian-influenza-bird-flu-latest-update>)

**Failure to observe the measures required in this licence is an offence under Section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981. The penalty on conviction of an offence under this section is a maximum of six months imprisonment**

or a fine not exceeding Level 5 on the standard scale or both.

## Contact us

If you have any queries regarding this general licence, please **contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency** (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha#animal-registration-and-licences-including-byproducts>).

Please include your name, full address and telephone number so we can ensure your enquiry is routed to the correct area expert.

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