

Application for Approval or Re-inspection as a Poultry Compartment free from Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease*

Please tick as appropriate

Initial approval Re-inspection

Please send completed form and additional documentation to: **Compartment Applications, Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Merrythought, Calthwaite, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 9RR.**

SECTION A – to be completed by applicant

1. Name and address of Company
Postcode
- Tel. no. (incl. national dialling code) Email address
2. Name of Company representative making the application
3. Job Title of the Company representative
4. Name of proposed Compartment Manager (if different from person named in Q.1).
5. Number of premises for which approval/re-inspection as a poultry compartment free from avian influenza and Newcastle disease* is required. Please complete **Appendix C** for each premises.
6. Type of compartment (tick appropriate box)
Each individual premises to be a separate compartment
All premises to form a single collective compartment.....
7. Type of approval/re-inspection (tick appropriate box)
EU Standard (available from 1 October 2009)
GB Enhanced Standard

*Newcastle Disease is applicable on GB Enhanced Standard only.

8. Please confirm that you have had the following in place for the past 6 months:

Physical bird proofing system, adequate to prevent contact with wild birds or contamination of feed, water and litter.....

An organogram linking each premises in the proposed compartment, and showing movements of commodities in, out, and between premises.....

An identification and traceability system for all birds or eggs moved into the compartment, or between premises within the compartment.....

In the case of a multi-age site, a written protocol regulating the addition or removal of birds, and disinfection of catching crates.

Only one species of poultry (and no other captive birds) on any of the proposed compartment premises.

Serological surveillance for avian influenza at each farm premises in this application, consisting of the following as a minimum:

- at least 3 tests at regular intervals over the past 6 months, of which at least one test of at least 20 birds at each premises was tested at VLA with negative results.

- the remaining 2 tests were tested at either VLA or another laboratory with ISO 17025 accreditation with negative results.

- for the most recent of these 3 tests the samples were collected no more than 21 days prior to the date of this application.

A written instruction to staff for monitoring production and mortality levels, and other clinical indicators of morbidity, including action to be taken and personnel to be notified if the indicators exceed expected limits.....

9. Company documents attached (tick boxes to indicate inclusion):

Organogram/diagram of all the Company's compartment premises and functions, indicating the major inputs and outputs

Company's general biosecurity plan.....

Contact points and personnel data for each individual premises in this application (use Appendix at Section C).....

Company's risk assessment and HACCP analysis for each individual premises in this application

Plan of each individual premises in this application with personnel and product flow lines

Copies of avian influenza test records for the past 6 months at each individual premises in this application (not required for re-inspections)

SECTION B – Applicant’s declaration

I have read the scheme guidance published on the Defra web-site and I accept the conditions, as well as the data protection conditions below.

I understand and agree that, if this application is successful, the approval number and county location of each approved premises will be listed on a public web-site as an approved compartment.

Data Protection Act

In limited circumstances, Defra may be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, on request under the Environmental Information Regulations, the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Personal data may be disclosed to other Government Departments, Devolved Administrations and members of the public for purposes of trade, joined up government and keeping records up to date. However personal data may be obtained only for one or more lawful purposes, and may not be further processed in any manner incompatible with that purpose, or purposes. We may keep personal data on a list that will be used for future consultation exercises on related topics. Defra or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details on your application form to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Defra provides to you.

Signature of applicant

Date

Status (e.g. owner, manager)

SECTION C – Appendix

Information to be supplied by the Company for each separate compartment premises. This form should be copied by the applicant and used for each premises.

For re-inspection: Please select 50% of your compartment sites for re-inspection each year. Please note that Defra reserves the right to select other or additional premises if epidemiological or other circumstances make that appropriate.

1. Name and address of the company headquarters.

2. Compartment manager's name, position in Company or job title and qualifications

3. Phone number, fax and email details of the representative above.

4. Name and address of the company premises to which this inspection applies.

5. Name and job title of the principal contact at this premises.

6. Phone number, fax and email details of the principal contact at this premises.

7. Please give the function of the premises to which this inspection applies, e.g. Elite, GGP, GP, PS, laying site, rearing site, quarantine site, hatchery, egg store.

8. Please confirm the site occupancy details of the premises as either:

Owned: the site is wholly owned by the Company, and the staff are employed by the Company or;

Contract: the Company has a written contract with the owner which gives the Company full management control of the site and all the staff employed there.

9. Confirm that only one species is held at this premises, and state which species.

10. **For re-inspection only:** Please indicate the date and approval number of initial approval.

11. **For re-inspection only:** Please indicate the date of the previous inspection or re-inspection.