**Wales Biosecurity and Housing Measures - December 2022**

**Mandatory Self-Assessment Checklist**

To be completed by all bird keepers in Wales.

# Details:

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| Farm/premises name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Contact Tel / Mobile No.: |  |
| CPH ref.  (If applicable) |  |

Completed by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Surgeon details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration**

Are you registered on the Poultry Register of Great Britain? (If you keep more than 50 birds you must register your birds - this is a legal requirement, if you keep less than 50 birds you are encouraged to voluntarily register)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms>

**Questionnaire**

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| **Premises detail** |
| Does your premises have a bio secure barrier at the entrance to the poultry or captive bird enterprise, an ancillary use area and a live bird/housed area as shown?  Note-the ‘ancillary area’ (a buffer area) is the region inside the bio secure boundary of the poultry premises but outside the housed area.    Bio secure barrier to poultry enterprise  Ancillary part  Live bird/housed part |
| Draw or attach a plan of the poultry or captive bird enterprise labelling the parts and disinfection points as above: |
| Do you have signage and cleaning/disinfection facilities for personnel and vehicles at the entry and exit points to each zone on your premises? |
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| **Live bird/Housed area** |
| 1. Is access to the live bird/housed part restricted to essential authorised personnel only through single entry points for each shed or covered area? (Official visits and inspections should carry on as required) |
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| 1. What measures are taken by personnel at the entry to the live-bird part e.g. change of outer clothing, boots, gloves and cleaning and disinfection? |
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| 1. Is there a signed dedicated area to allow changing, disinfection and storage of specific clothing and footwear?   Are personnel trained regarding the importance of always changing outer clothing and footwear and disinfection protocols before entering/leaving the live bird/housed area?  Are personnel trained to appreciate that accidental transfer of infection from the ancillary area to the live bird/housed area is a key risk pathway? |
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| 1. Are only essential vehicles and equipment allowed to enter the live-bird area and is the exterior of any vehicles and foot wells of vehicles and equipment cleansed and disinfected (focusing on wheels, wheel arches and the foot well inside the vehicle)? |
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| 1. What cleansing and disinfecting routine do you use for bedding and feed store areas or pathways leading to and from bird areas? |
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| 1. What robust (written) records do you have in place relating to movements of people, vehicles and equipment into or out of your bird area? How long are these records stored for? |
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| 1. Is your disinfectant Government approved?   Are you using the correct disinfectant concentration in your boot dips (when applicable)?  For the list of disinfectants please check: <http://disinfectants.defra.gov.uk/DisinfectantsExternal/Default.aspx?Module=ApprovalsList_SI> |
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| 1. If you keep domestic waterfowl (ducks, geese etc.) and poultry (chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl etc.) – how do you keep them separate? |
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| 1. How often is the bird area inspected, particularly for signs of wild birds or rodent access and to remove wild bird droppings and other possibly contaminated material, including wild bird carcasses? |
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| 1. Do you regularly inspect the fabric and structural integrity of any building or covered area used to house poultry for holes and leaks, with particular emphasis on roofs, gutters, ventilation system, downpipes and netting or mesh? Note for covered areas, maximum mesh size is 25mm.\*   \*If you have been advised by your vet that you should not house or net your ducks, geese, or game birds due to welfare issues or practical issues due to terrain size, what additional steps are you taking to ensure that wild birds are discouraged away from structures and water bodies which your birds have access to? |
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| 1. For commercial producers: Which records are in place to demonstrate that egg room floors, and farm production area entrances are cleaned daily with approved disinfectant, at the current dilution to minimise any possible foot transition? |
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| 1. For commercial producers: at the end of production cycle, is the housing and equipment thoroughly cleansed and disinfected according to industry best practice? |
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| Changes in bird health, feed or water intakes should be closely monitored, as they could provide early signs of disease. Things to look out for include, but are not limited to:   * Drops in egg production of 5% or more over a three-day period * Changes in colour and / or consistency of your birds’ faeces * Decrease in water or feed intake   If you see any of the above signs, it is recommended that you consult your private veterinary surgeon immediately. |
| 1. Do you monitor your birds’ health, feed and water intakes?   Health: Yes?  No?  Feed: Yes?  No?  Water: Yes?  No? |
| **Ancillary Area** |
| 1. For vehicles only entering the ancillary part of your premises, is the exterior of any vehicles and foot wells of vehicles cleansed and disinfected (focusing on wheels, wheel arches and the foot well inside the vehicle)? |
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| 1. What measures do you take to minimize wild bird contamination of the ancillary area? What arrangements are in place to ensure that wild birds cannot access stored bedding, feed and water intended for your birds?   e.g. management of unused buildings, covering stored feed and bedding, preventing standing water, fencing/netting of ponds etc. |
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| 1. How do you store and dispose of your waste (including carcasses, spoiled feed and bedding etc) or surplus eggs? How frequently is it collected, checked? |
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| 1. Which records are in place to record the removal, storage and spreading of poultry manure? |
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| 1. What rodent control programmes have you put in place (for ancillary and live bird area)? |
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| 1. Are the poultry premises part of larger, linked enterprises? If so, is sharing of staff, equipment and resources between premises kept to an absolute minimum? |
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