



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Wales Biosecurity Measures

Self-assessment checklist for larger and commercial keepers of poultry and other captive birds



All commercial bird keepers (500 or more) should complete this form annually and retain it as a record. This is a legal requirement when an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone is in place in Wales.

Keepers may be asked to produce a completed checklist for inspection.

Farm/premises name:

Address:

Contact Tel/Mobile No:

CPH (*If applicable*):

EMI Number (*If applicable*):

Farm holdings by type i.e. Specialist poultry, Dairy, Other

Completed by:

Name:

Date:

Signed: (*Please print in block capitals*)

Status: (*e.g. Owner, Keeper etc*)

Registration

Are you registered on the Poultry Register of Great Britain? All bird keepers must register their birds (excluding those psittacines (parrots, cockatoos and budgerigars) and passerines (small 'perching' birds, such as finches, sparrows, tits, wrens and jays) that are permanently housed either within a dwelling, or within a bird house on the same premises with no access to outdoors) – this is a legal requirement. [Poultry registration – GOV.UK](#)

1. Detail of premises

Please draw or attach a plan of your premises identifying parking areas, Bio-Security Points, Foot dips, Step overs, Low, Medium & High Critical areas.

Questionnaire

- 2. Is the live birds housing, or restricted area limited to essential & authorised personnel?
Please list personnel**

** To note, that when an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone is in place, all official visits and inspections should carry on as required.*

- 3. Are all Business operators, family members & employees aware of their responsibility for biosecurity including accidental transfer of infection between the private (ancillary use) area and a restricted access (bio-secure barrier) area?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 4. Are personnel trained regarding the importance of always changing outer clothing, footwear, and disinfection protocols before entering & leaving the live bird/housed area? (written record).**

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 5. Do you have signage for cleaning/disinfection facilities for visitors & personnel?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 6. Designated parking area: Do you have dedicated hard standing vehicle parking on your premises for staff and visitors?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 7. Please describe parking area**

8. What system & method of disinfection do you have for vehicles that enter your premises?

9. Do you keep robust written records of all personnel and vehicles that have entered your premises?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Which records are retained and how long are these records retained for?

10. Feed and Water: Describe what arrangements are in place to ensure that wild birds cannot access stored bedding, feed and water intended for your birds.

- 11. Bedding & Enrichment: Describe how bedding and enrichment materials are stored prior to use in the housing? What written cleansing protocols are in place to avoid contamination transfer to live bird areas?**

- 12. Is your disinfectant Government approved?**

For the list of disinfectants please check:

www.disinfectants.defra.gov.uk/DisinfectantsExternal/Default.aspx?Module=ApprovalsList_SI

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 13. What disinfectants do you use?**

- 14. What dilution rate do you apply to your disinfectants?**

- 15. How often are foot dips replenished? What written records do you keep when replenishing disinfectant in foot dips?***

** Please note that ingress of rainwater, exposure to sunlight and low temperatures negatively affect the effectiveness of disinfectant in the foot dip.*

16. What written records are in place to demonstrate that egg room floors, and/or farm production entrance areas (internal and external) are cleaned every day, at the current dilution to minimise any possible foot transition?

17. What written records are in place to demonstrate that any feed spillages are cleaned up straight away?

18. Rodent & Pest control

Do you use a contractor?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Self- Baiting?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Other?

☐

Contractor Details or Other

19. How do you dispose of fallen stock/animal products etc. (e.g. eggs, spoiled feed, general waste, carcasses)?

20. What written records are in place to record the removal, storage and spreading of poultry manure?

21. Thinking of packaging and materials (e.g. egg trays, setter trays, dividers, pallets) what written records do you have in place to capture packaging materials that are contaminated and returned to the supplier?

22. Do you have a separate drive entrance to your poultry unit that is not used for day-to-day farm traffic?

Yes ☐ No ☐

23. Do you have any ponds or water courses on or running through your property?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details

** To note, that if an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone is implemented, keepers may be required to reduce/close off access for their birds to water bodies on their premises due to the risk of spread from wild waterfowl.*

Once completed, please retain this form in your records so that it can be produced upon request by the Animal and Plant Health Agency, Local Authority, or other agencies. The self-assessment checklist should be reviewed on an annual basis.