

Declaration of a Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone (Avian Influenza)

The Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales has confirmed that highly pathogenic avian influenza is present on premises in Wales.

The Welsh Ministers have carried out a risk assessment of special category premises¹ under article 33(2) of the [Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals \(Wales\) \(No 2\) Order 2006](#)² (“the Order”).

Pursuant to articles 28(1), 28(6), 29(4) and 33(1)(b) and (d), and having taken account of the criteria set out in article 29(5) of the Order, the Welsh Ministers declare the area described in **Annex 2** to this Declaration to be a controlled zone, referred to in this Declaration as the Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone in which the measures in Schedule 4³ of the Order (except paragraphs 8, 9, 11, 16 to 27 and 30)⁴ as set out in **Annex 1** to this Declaration apply. By virtue of article 33(1)(b) of the Order, a surveillance zone is not declared in the Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone.

The Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone is marked on the map in **Annex 2** to this Declaration.

These measures apply from 13:30 on 14 November 2025 until this Declaration is revoked or amended by further declaration.

The Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone is centred on grid reference SN4859811697.

Signed: Natalie Sampson, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales

Dated: at 13:30 on 14 November 2025

Under authority of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Failure to comply with this Declaration may be an offence under section 72 or 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981.

Schedule 4 to the Order, as modified for the purposes of this Declaration, is reproduced in **Annex 1** to this Declaration, for ease of reference.

¹ See articles 2 and 22(3)(a) of SI 2006 / 2927 (W.262).

² SI 2006 / 2927 (W.262) as last amended by the [Avian Influenza \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Order 2023](#) (SI 2023 / 1179) (W.206).

³ Pursuant to article 30(1) of the Order, the measures in Schedule 4 apply in respect of a protection zone.

⁴ See article 33(1)(d) of the Order. The Welsh Ministers may specify in a declaration of a controlled zone that one or more of the measures in Schedules 4 and 5 do not apply in that zone.

Copies of this Declaration and of the Order are available at the Welsh Government [webpages](#) and from the Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

Annex 1**Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone**

The Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone comprises that part of Wales contained within the blue circle of radius 3 kilometres, centred on grid reference SN4859811697. The grid reference is to the Ordnance Survey [Landranger 1:35,000 series]. The zone is the area within the blue circle on the map in Annex 2 to this Declaration.

The Measures in the Captive Bird (Monitoring) Control Zone**Record of visitors (para 1 of Schedule 4 to the Order)**

Subject to paragraph 5, the occupier of any premises in the zone where poultry or other captive birds are kept must make records of—

- (a) the name and address of any person visiting the premises (unless the visit is only to a part of the premises where people live and where no poultry or other captive birds are kept);
- (b) the date of the visit;
- (c) whether the person had any contact with poultry or other captive birds on the premises.

Record of poultry (para 2 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

The occupier of any premises in the zone must make a record of all poultry entering or leaving those premises as soon as reasonably practicable after the movement.

Record of poultry and egg movements (para 3 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

Subject to paragraph 5, any person who is engaged in the transport or marketing of poultry or poultry eggs in the zone must make a record as soon as reasonably practicable of all poultry and poultry eggs transported or marketed by him or her.

Poultry movements to be recorded (para 4 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

The records referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above must include—

- (a) the quantity and description (including species of poultry or type of egg) transported or marketed;
- (b) in the case of a movement from premises in the zone—
 - (i) the date of the movement off the premises;
 - (ii) the premises of destination (if known);
 - (iii) the name and address of the person to whom ownership or possession is being or has been transferred;
- (c) in the case of a movement on to premises in the zone—
 - (i) the date of the movement;
 - (ii) the premises from which the movement originated (if known);

- (iii) the name and address of the person from whom ownership or possession is being or has been transferred;
- (d) in the case of marketing without an associated movement, the identity and address of the person to whom and the date on which ownership was transferred;

Scope of record keeping duties (para 5 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

Paragraphs 1 and 3 do not apply in respect of—

- (a) a movement of eggs direct to retail premises, at or from such premises or subsequent to such a movement;
- (b) the movement of people to zoos, wildlife parks or (unless required by the Welsh Ministers) any other premises open to the public, provided the public has no access to any area where birds are kept;
- (c) the movement of the following onto any premises where poultry or other captive birds are kept—
 - (i) any person on a public right of way or exercising a right of access to the premises;
 - (ii) trespassers;
 - (iii) any person executing this Order.

Isolation of poultry and other captive birds (para 6 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

The occupier of premises in the zone where poultry or other captive birds are kept must ensure that they are—

- (a) housed; or
- (b) kept isolated (if so directed by a veterinary inspector on the basis that housing is impractical or would adversely affect the birds' welfare to a significant degree).

Measures where birds not housed (para 7 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

If birds are kept isolated but not housed, the occupier must—

- (a) ensure that they have no contact with poultry or other captive birds on other premises; and
- (b) take all reasonable steps to minimise their contact with wild birds, in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions.

Biosecurity measures (para 10 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

The occupier and any person entering or leaving premises in the zone where poultry, other captive birds or eggs are kept must—

- (a) take such biosecurity measures as he or she considers necessary to reduce the risk of the spread of avian influenza to or from the premises; and
- (b) comply with any biosecurity requirements which a veterinary inspector or an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector, by notice to him or her, imposes.

Gatherings of poultry (para 12 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

No person is to permit any poultry or other captive birds to be collected together at any fair, market, show, exhibition or other gathering in the zone.

Release of game (para 13 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

- (1) No person is to release game birds.
- (2) For the purpose of this paragraph, game birds include any pheasant, partridge, grouse (or moor game), black (or heath) game or ptarmigan or ducks bred for shooting.

Restrictions on the movement of poultry, eggs, poultry meat, semen, samples and carcasses (para 14 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

No person is to move any poultry or other captive birds, or any eggs, poultry meat, semen, blood samples or carcasses from any poultry or any other captive birds into, within or out of the zone unless the movement is—

- (a) set out in paragraph 16 and is—
 - (i) direct; and
 - (ii) licensed by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector;
- (b) of table eggs direct to wholesale or retail premises, or subsequent to such a movement; or
- (c) within the same premises.

Transport by road and rail (para 15 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

Poultry and eggs may be transported through the zone on a major highway or railway if no stop is made within the zone.

Cleansing and disinfection of vehicles carrying anything which may be contaminated (para 28 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

A person who moves any poultry, other captive bird, meat, feed, manure, slurry, litter or any other thing which may be contaminated must cleanse and disinfect the vehicle and any equipment used to transport that thing as soon as it is unloaded, in accordance with article 66 of the Order.

Cleansing and disinfection of vehicles (para 29 of Schedule 4 to the Order)

A person who enters or leaves premises in the zone by vehicle must cleanse and disinfect any part of the vehicle which may have been contaminated without delay, in accordance with article 66 of the Order.

Annex 2

Map showing the Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone on grid reference SN4859811697.

The grid reference is to the Ordnance Survey [Landranger 1:35,000 series].

