

EXD 243(AI)(EW)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Welsh Government

Animal Health Act 1981(as amended)

Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006

Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No.2) Order 2006

General licence for the movement of table eggs within or out of a Protection or Surveillance Zone in England or Wales

I, being a veterinary inspector appointed by the Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers for the purposes of the Animal Health Act 1981, grant the following licence under article 30 and paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 and article 31 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 5 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006 and article 30 and paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 and article 31 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 5 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No.2) Order 2006:

Licence

This licence permits, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule of Conditions attached, the direct movement of table eggs within or out of a Protection Zone or a Surveillance Zone in England or Wales to the following premises:

1. an egg packing centre designated by the Secretary of State or Welsh Ministers in England or Wales;
2. premises for disposal in England or Wales.

This licence comes into force at 10am on 6th January 2017

Paul Honeyman

Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers

Date: 6th January 2017

Schedule of Conditions

- i) Eggs moving to premises designated as an egg packing centre must be packed in new disposable packaging (including keyes trays). This packaging must not be recycled within the poultry industry unless it can be cleansed and disinfected. Packaging must be on clean pallets or containers, and the area from which the eggs are loaded onto the vehicle must be free from visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter.
- ii) Before entering or leaving the premises where eggs are loaded:
 - the exterior of the vehicle must be free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter; and
 - the vehicle's wheels and wheel arches must be cleansed and disinfected. The cleansing and disinfection after loading must take place at a point beyond which no contamination with poultry feathers, faeces, litter, egg shell or any similar matter can take place.
- iii) After unloading at the premises of destination:
 - in the case of a premises designated as an egg packing centre, the parts of the vehicle and any other thing used to transport eggs to the egg packing centre which might be contaminated with feathers, faeces, litter, egg shell, broken egg or any similar matter must be effectively cleansed and disinfected as soon as is reasonably practicable on the premises;
 - in the case of egg processing plants the cleansing and disinfection should preferably take place on the premises but may be done elsewhere. This should be done as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any case, before the vehicle is used again;
 - in the case of a premises for disposal the cleansing and disinfection must take place as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any case, before the vehicle is used again.
- iv) All persons who seek to rely on this general licence must:
 - a) not enter or leave premises wearing clothing or footwear which is visibly soiled with mud, animal or bird faeces or any similar matter;
 - b) cleanse and disinfect their footwear on leaving premises within the controlled zone; and
 - c) take all other reasonable precautions to avoid the transfer of contamination between premises.

Notes

- When moving anything under the authority of this licence, a person must carry with him a consignment note. The consignment note must include—
 - (a) what is moved, including its quantity,
 - (b) the date of the movement,
 - (c) the name of the consignor,
 - (d) the address of the premises from which the movement started,
 - (e) the name of the consignee, and
 - (f) the address of the premises of destination.
- A record of the movement as required by article 74 of the relevant Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals No.2) Order 2006 must also be made as soon as is reasonably practicable after the movement and retained for at least 6 weeks after the movement is completed.
- A person moving anything under the authority of this licence must, if asked to do so by an inspector, or other officer of the Secretary of State or Welsh Ministers, give his name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
- Contact your local Animal and Plant Health Agency Office or Local Authority for further advice on biosecurity measures and any other legislation that may apply.

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 and/or an unlimited fine.