

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Declaration of an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

The Secretary of State has carried out a risk assessment under article 6(1) of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No 2) Order 2006¹ (“the Order”).

To reduce the risk of the transmission of avian influenza to poultry and other captive birds from wild birds or from any other source, the Secretary of State considers it necessary to declare the whole of England to be an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone and the following measures apply within the zone.

Measures applying in the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

Any person in charge of poultry and captive birds must take all appropriate and practicable steps to ensure that:

- (a) poultry are housed or otherwise kept separate from wild birds;
- (b) other captive birds are kept separate from wild birds;
- (c) poultry and other captive birds are provided with feed and water which is not accessible to wild birds.
- (d) any person who comes into contact with poultry and other captive birds must take all reasonable precautions to avoid the transfer of contamination between premises, including cleansing and disinfection of equipment, vehicles and footwear;
- (e) steps are taken to reduce the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry or captive birds are kept to minimise contamination from manure, slurry and other products;
- (f) steps are taken to implement effective vermin control programmes, including preventing the entry of wild birds, around buildings where poultry or captive birds are kept;
- (g) housing and equipment is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected at the end of a production cycle;
- (h) disinfectant at the right concentration is kept at all points where people should use it, such as farm entrances and before entering poultry housing or enclosures.

The Secretary of State declares that the declaration made at 14.30 on 6 December 2006 is hereby revoked and replaced by this declaration.

This Declaration is made under article 6(1)(a) of the Order and the measures will apply from 14.30 on 6 January 2017 until 00.01 on 28 February 2017.

Signed : [Nigel Gibbens]

Dated: [14.30 on 6 January 2017]

¹ S.I. 2006/2702

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

Notes:

“poultry” means a bird reared or kept in captivity for the production of meat or eggs for consumption, or of other products, for restocking supplies of game or for the purposes of any breeding programme for the production of such categories of birds.

“other captive bird” means a bird kept in captivity which is not poultry and includes a pet bird and a bird kept for shows, races, exhibitions, competitions, breeding or for sale.

Vehicles used to transport poultry or other captive birds shall be cleansed and disinfected in accordance with The Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 (2003 No. 1724).

Guidance on housing and additional biosecurity measures of birds may be found in biosecurity guidance via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>.

Copies of this Declaration and of the Order are available via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu> and from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Fifth Floor, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.

This declaration was revoked from 28 February 2017 and replaced by a new declaration