

Declaration of an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

1. The Secretary of State has carried out a further risk assessment under article 6(1) of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No 2) Order 2006¹ (“the Order”).
2. To reduce the risk of the transmission of avian influenza to poultry and other captive birds from wild birds or any other source, the Secretary of State considers it necessary to declare parts of Lancashire, Cumbria and Merseyside set-out in Schedule 3 to be an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone.
3. All keepers of poultry and other captive birds in the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone must comply with the minimum biosecurity measures in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and where poultry or captive birds have access to outdoor areas, keepers must comply with the requirements of Part 2 of that Schedule.
4. All keepers of 500 or more poultry or other captive birds in any part of the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone must additionally comply with the measures in Schedule 2.
5. No person shall permit any poultry to be collected together at any fair, market, show, exhibition or other gathering in the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone. No person shall move any poultry from a premises in the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone to any fair, market, show, exhibition or other gathering wherever it is located.
6. These measures apply from 00:01 on Monday 15 May 2017 and shall remain in force until 00:01 on 14 June 2017 or until the declaration is otherwise amended or revoked by further declaration, whichever shall be sooner.
7. The Secretary of State declares that the Declaration made at 17:00 on 7 April 2017, and covering the whole of England, is hereby revoked and replaced by this declaration of an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone from 00:01 on Monday 15 May 2017.
8. This Declaration is made under article 6(1)(a) of the Order.

Signed:

Gordon Hickman

At 14.00 on 12 May 2017

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.

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

¹ S.I. 2006/2702

