

SCHEDULE 7

Article 55

Measures in a low pathogenic avian influenza restricted zone

Restrictions on the movement of poultry, other captive birds and mammals onto and off premises

1.—(1) No person shall (subject to sub-paragraph (2)) move poultry, other captive birds or mammals from or to premises within the restricted zone unless the movement is licensed by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to pet animals which—

- (a) only have access to a part of the premises where people live;
- (b) have no contact with poultry or other captive birds on the premises; and
- (c) have no access to any cages or areas on the premises where poultry or other captive birds are kept.

Biosecurity measures

2. The occupier and any person entering or leaving premises where poultry or other captive birds are kept must—

- (a) take appropriate biosecurity measures 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, by notice, imposes.

Litter, poultry manure and slurry

3. No person shall remove from premises in the zone or spread used poultry litter, poultry manure or poultry slurry unless licensed to do so by a veterinary inspector.

Gatherings of poultry

4. No person shall permit any poultry or other captive birds to be collected together at any fair, market, show, exhibition or other gathering, unless licensed by a veterinary inspector.

Release of game

5. No person shall release game birds.

Restrictions on the movement of poultry, other captive birds and eggs within the zone

6. No person shall move any poultry, other captive birds or eggs within the zone (other than through the zone by road or rail without stopping), unless licensed to do so by a veterinary inspector or an inspector at the direction of a veterinary inspector.

Restrictions on the movement of poultry, other captive birds and eggs out of the zone

7. No person shall move any poultry, other captive birds or eggs out of the zone, unless the movement is one of the following and is licensed by a veterinary inspector—

- (a) poultry for slaughter at a designated slaughterhouse (if any licence conditions are met);

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- (b) poultry to premises, or part of premises, where no poultry are kept (if any licence conditions are met);
- (c) day-old chicks from eggs originating within the zone or from eggs which have come into contact with such eggs (if any licence conditions are met);
- (d) day-old chicks from eggs originating outside the zone (if the hatchery is operated in such a way that such chicks and eggs are kept separate from day old chicks and eggs originating in the zone and if any licence conditions are met);
- (e) hatching eggs to a designated hatchery if the eggs and their packaging are disinfected before dispatch and if any licence conditions are met;
- (f) eggs to a designated packing centre in disposable packaging and in accordance with biosecurity requirements specified by a veterinary inspector (if any licence conditions are met);
- (g) eggs to premises inside or outside the zone for the manufacture of egg products (if any licence conditions are met);
- (h) eggs for disposal (if any licence conditions are met).

8. Paragraphs 6 and 7 do not apply to the retail distribution of table eggs and movements subsequent to such distribution.

Requirements for the movement of hatching eggs from the zone to a designated hatchery or a designated laboratory or institute for use for scientific, diagnostic or pharmaceutical purposes

9. Hatching eggs must not be moved from the zone to any hatchery, laboratory or institute unless—
- (a) a veterinary inspector does not suspect avian influenza in the flocks from which the eggs derive;
 - (b) the eggs and their packaging are disinfected before dispatch; and
 - (c) the eggs are transported in vehicles sealed by a veterinary inspector or in accordance with the veterinary inspector’s instructions.

Carcases

10. The occupier of any premises within the zone must ensure that carcasses are disposed of in accordance with a veterinary inspector’s instructions unless the veterinary inspector licenses their use for the diagnosis of disease.

Cleansing and disinfection of vehicles

11. A person who transports 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 65.