

SCHEDULE 3

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE KEEPING OF LAYING HENS

PART 5

Additional conditions applicable for keeping laying hens in non-cage systems

Feed and water

17. All systems must be equipped in such a way that all laying hens have—
- (a) either linear feeders providing at least 10cm per hen or circular feeders providing at least 4cm per hen;
 - (b) either continuous drinking troughs providing 2.5cm per hen or circular drinking troughs providing 1cm per hen, and in addition, where nipple drinkers or drinking cups are used, there must be at least one nipple drinker or cup for every 10 hens and where drinking points are plumbed in, at least 2 drinking cups or 2 nipple drinkers must be within reach of each hen;
 - (c) at least one nest for every 7 hens and if group nests are used, there must be at least 1m² of nest space for a maximum of 120 hens;
 - (d) perches, without sharp edges and providing at least 15cm per hen; perches must not be mounted above the litter; the horizontal distance between perches must be at least 30cm and the horizontal distance between the perch and the wall must be at least 20cm; and
 - (e) at least 250cm² of littered area per hen, the litter occupying at least one third of the ground surface.