

SCHEDULE 6

Article 46

Measures when low pathogenic avian influenza is confirmed

PART 1

Measures on premises where low pathogenic avian influenza is confirmed

Record of poultry, other captive birds and mammals

1. The occupier must make and update daily a record of poultry, other captive birds and mammals kept on the premises showing, for each species the number or approximate number—

- (a) alive;
- (b) which have died;
- (c) which show clinical signs of avian influenza;
- (d) which he or she thinks are likely to be infected;
- (e) born or hatched.

Housing or isolation of poultry and other captive birds

2.—(1) The occupier must ensure that poultry and other captive birds are—

- (a) housed; or
- (b) kept isolated (if so directed by a veterinary inspector on the basis that housing is impractical or would adversely affect the birds' welfare to an significant degree).

(2) If the birds are kept isolated, the occupier must take all reasonable steps to minimise their contact with wild birds, in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions.

Prohibition on movement of poultry and other captive birds to and from the premises

3. No person is to move any poultry or other captive birds to or from the premises, unless licensed by a veterinary inspector.

Movement of poultry to a slaughterhouse

4. No person is to move any poultry or other captive bird to a slaughterhouse unless—

- (a) the slaughterhouse is a designated slaughterhouse;
- (b) the poultry are sent directly to the slaughterhouse; and
- (c) they are transported in vehicles sealed by a veterinary inspector or in accordance with his or her instructions.

Duty not to tamper with or remove seal on vehicles transporting poultry

5. No person is to tamper with a seal on a vehicle transporting poultry to a slaughterhouse or remove it until the vehicle has arrived at the slaughterhouse.

Cleansing and disinfection of vehicles transporting any bird or thing which may be contaminated

6. A person who transports any bird or any thing which may be contaminated must, as soon as the bird or thing is unloaded, cleanse and disinfect the vehicle and any equipment used for transportation in accordance with article 66.

Prohibition on the movement of people, animals, vehicles and equipment to and from premises

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no person is to move to or from the premises and no person is to move any mammal, vehicle or equipment to or from the premises, unless the movement is licensed by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to pet animals which—

- (a) only have access to that 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.

Disposal of carcasses

8. The occupier must ensure that carcasses are disposed of as soon as possible in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions (unless he or she licenses their use for diagnosis of disease).

Restrictions in relation to eggs

9. Subject to paragraph 10, the occupier must ensure that eggs on the premises which are to be disposed of and which are not seized by a veterinary inspector are disposed of in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions.

Hatching eggs on special category premises

10. A veterinary inspector may, by notice to the occupier of special category premises, direct that hatching eggs on those premises need not be disposed of.

Tracing

11. The occupier must give all reasonable assistance to a veterinary inspector in the tracing of any thing liable to transmit avian influenza from and to the premises.

Manure, slurry and bedding

12. The occupier of the premises must ensure that manure, slurry and bedding which may be contaminated are treated in accordance with article 66.

Cleansing and disinfection

13. The occupier must cleanse and disinfect the premises in accordance with article 66 and Schedule 3.

Other material which may be contaminated

14. The occupier of the premises must ensure that any other material or substance which may be contaminated is treated in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions or disposed of.

Killing and seizure

15. The occupier must give all reasonable assistance to any person exercising a function relating to the killing of poultry or other captive birds under paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Act or to the seizure of any thing under the Diseases of Animals (Seizure) Order 1993(1).

Restrictions on the movement of eggs

16. No person is to move any eggs from the premises unless licensed by a veterinary inspector.

Disinfection at entrances and exits

17. The occupier must, in accordance with an inspector's instructions, provide and maintain means of disinfection at the entrances and exits of the premises and of buildings housing poultry or other captive birds(2).

PART 2

Criteria to be considered by a veterinary inspector before permitting movements from premises where low pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed

18. The following are the criteria to be considered by a veterinary inspector before permitting movements from premises where low pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed—

- (a) the species of birds on the premises;
- (b) the number of premises he knows to contain poultry or other captive birds in the area around the premises;
- (c) the location of slaughterhouses, hatcheries and egg packing centres to which poultry and eggs could be moved;
- (d) biosecurity measures already in place or which could be applied at the premises, during movement and during slaughter;
- (e) possible routes on which things could be moved;
- (f) any evidence of disease spread;
- (g) any risk to human health;
- (h) any treatment procedures which could be applied to any thing to be moved.

(1) S.I.1993/1685.

(2) Disinfectants approved for use under this Order are set out in the Schedules to the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/32, amended by S.I. 1999/919 and S.I. 2005/583; there are other amending instruments but these do not relate to this Order).