

SCHEDULE 2

Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of laying hens in non-cage systems

7. If laying hens have access to open runs—
 - (a) there shall be several popholes giving direct access to the outer area, at least 35 cm high and 40 cm wide and extending along the entire length of the building; in any case, a total opening of 2 m shall be available per group of 1,000 hens; and
 - (b) the open runs shall be—
 - (i) of an area appropriate to the stocking density and to the nature of the ground, in order to prevent any contamination, and
 - (ii) equipped with shelter from adverse weather conditions and predators and, if necessary, appropriate drinking troughs.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, Paragraph 7.