

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 3

Birds

Procedure	Purpose
Micro chipping	Identification
Beak trimming of poultry Conditions— 1) Beak trimming of poultry may only be performed to prevent feather pecking and cannibalism and, in relation to laying hens kept on holdings of 350 or more and meat chickens kept on holdings of 500 or more, when the animals are less than 10 days old. 2) Beak trimming of laying hens kept on holdings of 350 or more may only be performed using the infra-red procedure. 3) In an emergency, to control an outbreak of feather pecking or cannibalism in laying hens, conditions 1 and 2 do not apply. 4) Beak trimming of meat chickens may only be carried out, after consultation with and on the advice of a veterinary surgeon, by qualified staff, and where other measures to prevent feather pecking and cannibalism are exhausted.	Flock welfare
De-snooding	General animal management
Cutting of the toes of poultry other than laying hens and meat chickens	General animal management
Dubbing of domestic fowl other than laying hens and meat chickens	General animal management
Pinioning of birds other than poultry	General animal management
Laparoscopy	General animal management
Castration, ovidectomy and vasectomy of a bird other than poultry	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme

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Procedure	Purpose
Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive into a bird other than poultry	Controlling reproduction or general animal management, as part of a conservation programme
Wing tagging	Identification of— 1) poultry in connection with breeding or testing for the presence of disease; or 2) a bird other than poultry in connection with conservation or research
Web tagging	Identification of— 1) poultry in connection with breeding or testing for the presence of disease; or 2) a bird other than poultry in connection with conservation or research