

### SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 5

Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of laying hens in conventional cages

**1.** All conventional (unenriched) cage systems must comply with the requirements of this Schedule.

**2.** Cage systems must have at least 550 cm<sup>2</sup> per hen of cage area, measured in a horizontal plane, which may be used without restriction, in particular not including non-waste deflection plates liable to restrict the area available unless they are placed so as not to restrict the area available for the hens to use.

**3.** A feed trough must be provided which may be used without restriction, the length of which must be at least 10 cm multiplied by the number of hens in the cage.

**4.—(1)** Unless nipple drinkers or drinking cups are provided, each cage must have a continuous drinking channel of the same length as the feed trough mentioned in paragraph 3.

**(2)** Where drinking points are plumbed in, at least two nipple drinkers or two cups must be within reach from each cage.

**5.** Cages must be at least 40 cm high over at least 65% of the cage area and not less than 35 cm at any point, the area being obtained by multiplying 550 cm<sup>2</sup> by the number of birds kept in the cage.

**6.—(1)** Floors of cages must be constructed so as to support each of the forward-facing claws of each foot of each bird.

**(2)** The floor slope must not exceed 14% or 8 degrees when made of rectangular wire mesh and must not exceed 21.3% or 12 degrees for other types of floor.

**7.** Cages must be fitted with suitable claw-shortening devices.

**8.** No person may build or bring into service for the first time any cage system referred to in this Schedule for the keeping of laying hens.

**9.** On and after 1 January 2012, no person may keep laying hens in any cage system referred to in this Schedule.