

Requirements for a Biosecurity Visit to a Premises Receiving Poultry

This form is for completion by a Veterinary Inspector or Official Veterinarian undertaking a site visit for assessment of a premises to which poultry may be moved under a movement licence. This document **must** be signed by the Veterinary Surgeon who undertook the visit and as such, should be completed following the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' 10 Principles of Veterinary Certification.

1. The objectives of the biosecurity visit are to:

- assess separation from any other livestock, including poultry/captive birds
- assess the measures in place to reduce risk of wild birds entering poultry buildings
- assess the measures in place to reduce indirect contact between poultry and wild birds
- assess the equipment, structures and procedures for maintaining effective biosecurity of the premises (using evidence available on-site and from farm/company records if required)
- review compliance with biosecurity protocols where the destination premises is not empty

2. All parts of the premises intended to house poultry or used for poultry husbandry purposes (e.g. bedding and feed storage) should be inspected. Any buildings/houses not inspected at the time of the visit must be clearly stated on the form and will require inspection at a later date if intended to house poultry.

3. Throughout the form you will be instructed to provide evidence to support the information you have recorded. This may include, but not be limited to, copies of production records, biosecurity protocols photographs of the premises and biosecurity facilities available, as well as an **annotated site map**. It is important this supporting evidence accompanies the answers selected on the form, if insufficient information is received you may need to provide further evidence and/or repeat the biosecurity visit.

4. If you require further advice on biosecurity can be found on GOV.UK:

- Bird Flu (avian influenza): how to prevent it to stop it spreading:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bird-flu-avian-influenza-how-to-prevent-it-and-stop-it-spreading>
- Bird Flu (avian influenza): housing your birds safely:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bird-flu-avian-influenza-housing-your-birds-safely>

CPH of inspected premises:

Add CPH

Type of premises (*delete as applicable):

*Broilers / *Broiler Breeder / *Layers / *Rearing / *Finishing / *Other

If other, specify:

Specify other type of premises

Date of visit:

Add date

Species premises used for (*delete as applicable):

*Chickens / *Turkeys / *Ducks / *Geese / *Pheasants / *Partridges / *Other

Premises Details

Name:

Add name

Address:

Add address

Postcode:

Add postcode

Tel No:

Add number

Grid ref or W3W:

Add reference

Company Details (if applicable)

Name:

Add name

Address:

Add address

Postcode:

Add postcode

Tel No:

Add number

Please confirm number of sheds intended to house poultry on site:

Add number

If any buildings not inspected at the time of visit, please state why:

Add reason

Name and role of person providing information during assessment:

Add name and role

Other Comments:

Add any comments

Section A: Assessment Buildings

1. How frequently are routine checks and/or inspections performed to assess the structure, fabric and integrity of the buildings and site area?

Add frequency

2. For each building intended to house poultry, describe the building structure and fabric (e.g. metal, wood, plastic), including walls, roof, floor and windows:

Add description

3. Are there any gaps under doors or in the walls greater than 25mm? Where gaps exist, are these covered with suitable mesh or netting (maximum gauge 25mm by 25mm) to prevent ingress by wild birds?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'. (If 'Yes', provide further response)

4. Confirm that the doors close properly and are fastened, windows not opened and roof is intact, with no holes or signs of water ingress. If not provide details.

Provide confirmation / details

Boundary

5. Is there a boundary fence which clearly demarcates the biosecure area and prevents inadvertent access by people or vehicles?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

If no, or not applicable, please describe measures in place to define the perimeter.

Add description

6. Are the farm routes, parking areas, yards, areas around the buildings and storage areas kept clean, well maintained, and free of standing water at all times?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Ventilation System

7. Are all inlets/outlets in a good state of repair?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

8. Are all ventilation inlets and outlets covered to prevent ingress of wild bird, for example, with a suitably-gauged mesh or netting, with no gaps greater than 25mm diameter?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

9. If an active ventilation system is present the blades are continuously moving 24 hours a day, or baffles close over when the blades halt?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

10. Overall, I consider that the buildings and/or pens intended to house the incoming poultry (and associated equipment) are maintained in a good state of repair to prevent wild bird access with no permanent gaps greater than 25mm. Where gaps exist, are these covered with suitable mesh or netting (maximum gauge 25mm by 25mm) to prevent ingress by wild birds? They are suitable to house the incoming poultry for the required duration.

If it is not safe to visually inspect all ventilation inlets and outlets, alternative evidence such as photographs provided by the farmer may be used.

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Cleaning and Disinfection (C&D)

11. Are C&D facilities for boots and hands available at the entry/exit to each house?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Provide information about any step over barriers, foot dips and PPE:

Add information

12. Are outdoor foot dips covered to prevent dilution by rain?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

13. What disinfectant is used in foot dips?

Add disinfectant type

14. What dilution rate is used?

Add dilution rate

15. How often is the foot dip replaced? Provide evidence that demonstrates compliance (i.e. foot dips do not appear excessively contaminated)?

Provide evidence

16. What is the minimum time between completion of C&D and re-stocking of each house with birds?

Add minimum time period

17. In your opinion, are sufficient management protocols in place for biosecurity and sufficient evidence available to demonstrate that these are being followed?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

18. Please state the disinfectants used for other purposes (house and equipment/vehicle disinfectant), and provide the concentration used for each disinfectant (provide numerical data, not a reference to Poultry or General Order dilution)

Add disinfectants used

19. Is equipment used dedicated to site?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

If no, are specific protocols in place to C&D equipment between premises/houses?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

20. Overall I consider that the buildings, pens and equipment have been effectively cleansed and disinfected. Sufficient management protocols are in place to maintain a good standard of biosecurity, in order to minimise the risk of infective material entering or leaving the building or premises.

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Outdoor Ranges

If no outdoor ranges, then type 'Not applicable' and skip this section:

21. List all measures taken to discourage wild birds (in particular gulls and wild waterfowl) from entering the outdoor range area.

List measures taken

22. Measures are taken to prevent the accumulation of standing water and any spilled feed is removed to prevent attracting wild birds?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

23. If there are areas of open water, permanent standing water or waterlogged land on the premises, has access been prevented by fencing or netting to prevent access by poultry or other captive birds?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

24. Overall, I consider there are sufficient measures in place to avoid wild birds and animals being attracted onto outdoor ranges.

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Staff

25. Do staff own poultry or work on other premises where poultry are kept?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

If yes, please provide protocols for minimising risk of disease spread by such staff

Add protocols

26. Are there any specific protocols in place that staff or visitors that have contact with other poultry have to adhere to before coming on site?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

27. Overall I consider there are effective biosecurity protocols in place for staff and visitors to follow to ensure good standards of biosecurity on site are maintained:

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Separation of poultry from other business enterprises

28. Do any other business enterprises make use of or are located on any part of the premises being inspected?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

29. Do any of the other business activities involve other livestock?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

30. Is any of the equipment used for poultry also used for other, non-poultry related activities?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

31. Is there separation of access routes used for poultry activities and other business enterprises?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

Provide details:

Add details

32. Overall I am satisfied that there is adequate separation of the poultry unit from any other business enterprises on the same premises to maintain effective biosecurity:

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Food, water and bedding

33. Has sufficient evidence been provided to ensure that the food is managed in a way that prevents wild bird contamination?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

34. What type of feed is used, how is it delivered onto the site and stored? How is it then provided to the birds? How is wild bird contamination prevented? Give details:

Add details

35. Has sufficient evidence been provided to ensure that the water is stored and supplied to the birds in a way that prevents wild bird contamination?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

36. What is the water source? Give detail:

Add details

37. Has sufficient evidence been provided to ensure that the bedding is managed in a way that prevents wild bird contamination?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

38. What bedding is used on site? How is it delivered onto the site, how is it packaged, stored and then provided to the birds? Give details:

Add details

39. Confirm that bedding and wrapping does not touch exterior ground and that grabs of mechanical devices used are C&D before use. Confirm that transport machinery does not enter the building or if it does, full C&D of wheels and any other parts that may be contaminated is undertaken beforehand?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

40. Overall I can confirm that I am satisfied that the feed, water and bedding used to maintain the poultry are managed in such a way (i.e. stored within buildings, covered space, wrapped etc.) to ensure biosecurity is effectively maintained:

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Waste Management Animal By-products (ABP) and Pest Control

41. What system is in place for drainage and/or storage of wastewater?

Add details

42. How and where is ABP stored on site?

Add details

43. Describe who collects ABP, where collection is from and how often this takes place. If collection not at farm gate, confirm vehicles conform to C&D protocols on site.

Add details

44. Is there a mechanical muck belt? If no, skip to 47.

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

45. Is the entry/exit of the muck belt from the building biosecure (preventing opportunity for access of wild birds and vermin)?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

46. Is the muck belt for each shed exclusive to that shed. Answer "No" if single muck belt traverses multiple sheds.

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

47. Is an effective vermin control plan in place (i.e. qualified contractors or fully trained (documented) farm staff, low takes on bait points, little signs of vermin damage or activity)?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Provide details:

Add details

48. Overall I am satisfied that the management of waste and ABP is suitable to maintain effective biosecurity on the premises:

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Premises where poultry or other captive birds may already be present on site (multi-age premises)

For all-in-all-out premises then type 'Not applicable' and skip this section:

49. From your inspection, have you been provided sufficient evidence to be confident that there is no reason to suspect notifiable avian disease is present where birds are on the premises?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

50. From your inspection, have you been provided with sufficient evidence that the C&D protocols are being complied with and dedicated PPE is used for each shed?

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

51. Overall I am satisfied that I have enough evidence that sufficient measures are in place to consider each house/shed separate and biosecure from each other:

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

Further supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Section B: Declaration

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information provided is accurate. In my opinion based on the information available at the time of my visit, sufficient measures are in place to mitigate the risk of direct or indirect spread of avian influenza between incoming poultry and existing birds (wild or captive) at the premises inspected.

Signed:

Add signature

Name in block letters:

Add name

Date of signature:

Add date

Mobile number:

Add number

Official practice stamp or address:

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Application reference:

Add reference

Biosecurity report satisfactory:

Type 'Yes' or 'No'

If not satisfactory, action required:

Add details of action required

Has the required action been taken?

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

Supporting evidence:

Add evidence

Biosecurity report satisfactory:

Type 'Yes', 'No' or 'Not applicable'

Date of EDO338 sign off:

Add date

Valid until:

Add date

Signature of Veterinary Inspector:

Add signature

Name in block letters:

Add name

Date:

Add date

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