



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 available 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 Type of premises Please select If other, specify

Date of visit

Species premises used for (select all that apply)

Chickens <input type="checkbox"/>	Turkeys <input type="checkbox"/>	Ducks <input type="checkbox"/>	Geese <input type="checkbox"/>	Pheasants <input type="checkbox"/>	Partridges <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Premises Details				Company Details (if applicable)		
Name				Name		
Address				Address		
Postcode				Postcode		
Tel No				Tel No		

Grid ref or W3W			
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Please confirm number of sheds intended to house poultry on site

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

Name and role of person providing information during assessment:

Other 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?

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

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 to prevent ingress by wild birds)?

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.

Boundary

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

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

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?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Ventilation System

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ 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?

Yes ☐ No ☐ 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? Yes ☐ No ☐ 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. They are suitable to house the incoming poultry for the required duration. Yes ☐ No ☐

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.

Further supporting evidence:

Cleaning and Disinfection (C&D)

11. Are C&D facilities for boots and hands available at the entry/exit to each house? Yes ☐ No ☐

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

12. Are outdoor foot dips covered to prevent dilution by rain? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

13. What disinfectant is used in foot dips?

14. What dilution rate is used?

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

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

17. In your opinion, are sufficient management protocols in place for biosecurity and sufficient Yes ☐ No ☐

evidence available to demonstrate that these are being followed?

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 reference to Poultry or General Order dilution)

19. Is equipment used dedicated to site?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Yes ☐ 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.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Further supporting evidence:

Outdoor Ranges

If no outdoor ranges, then tick N/A and skip this section

N/A ☐

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

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

23. If there are areas or 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?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

Further supporting evidence:

Staff

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

Yes☐No☐

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

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?

Yes☐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.

Yes☐No☐

Further supporting 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?

Yes☐No☐

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

Yes☐No☐Not Applicable☐

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

Yes☐No☐Not Applicable☐

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

Yes☐No☐Not Applicable☐

Provide 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:

Yes☐No☐Not Applicable☐

Further supporting 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?

Yes ☐ 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 detail:

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?

Yes ☐ No ☐

36. What is the water source? Give detail:

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ 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 detail:

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 ?

Yes ☐ No ☐ 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

Yes ☐ No ☐

Further supporting evidence:

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

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

42. How and where is ABP stored on site?

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.

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

Yes☐

No☐

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

Yes☐

No☐

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

Yes☐

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)? Provide details

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

Yes☐

No☐

Further supporting evidence:

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

For all-in-all-out premises then tick N/A and skip this section

N/A☐

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?

Yes

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No

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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?

Yes

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No

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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:

Yes

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No

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Further supporting 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

Name

Date of
signature

Mobile number

Official practice stamp or address

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Application reference

Biosecurity report satisfactory

Yes ☐

No ☐

If not satisfactory, action required:	<div></div>		
Has the required action been taken?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting evidence:	<div></div>		
Biosecurity report satisfactory:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of EDO338 sign off	<div></div>	Valid until	<div></div>
Signature of Veterinary Inspector	<div></div>		
Name in BLOCK LETTERS	<div></div>		
Date	<div></div>	Time	<div></div>

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