

## EXD243(AI)(GB)

Scottish Government  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Welsh Government

Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006 (as amended)  
Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006 (as amended)  
Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No. 2) Order 2006 (as amended)


### **General Licence for the Movement of Table Eggs into, within or out of a Protection or Surveillance Zone in Scotland, England or Wales.**

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1. This general licence is issued in accordance with paragraph 15 of Schedule 4 and paragraphs 12 and 16 of Schedule 5 of the Order in Scotland and with paragraph 14 of Schedule 4, and paragraphs 11 and 15 of Schedule 5 of the Order in England and Wales.
2. This licence permits, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule of Conditions attached, the movement of table eggs into, within or out of a Protection Zone or within or out of a Surveillance Zone in Scotland, England, or Wales to the following premises:
  - a) to an egg packing centre designated by Scottish Ministers in Scotland, the Secretary of State in England or the Welsh Ministers in Wales
  - b) premises for disposal in Scotland, England or Wales.

This licence is valid from 16:00 on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022, and the following licences are hereby revoked:

EXD243(HPAI)(ES) that came into force at 11:00 on the 03 March 2022  
EXD243 (HPAI)(W) that came into force at 11:30 on the 11 March 2022



Veterinary Inspector  
David Harris

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Time: 16:00

Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers.

## **Schedule of Conditions**

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1. The movement of table eggs permitted by this licence shall be directly to either an egg packing centre which has an activated designation or to a disposal premises for destruction.
2. This licence does not apply for movements to or from any premises which has been served a restriction notice by a veterinary inspector.

### **Conditions 3 to 5 applicable to movements of eggs from premises located in a Protection Zone or Surveillance Zone**

3. Immediately prior to the movement of eggs the licensee must inspect the poultry on the premises to check that they show no clinical signs that could be associated with Avian Influenza.
4. Before entering or leaving the premises where eggs are loaded:
  - the exterior of the vehicle must be free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter;
  - the vehicle's wheels and wheel arches must be cleansed and disinfected after loading and before leaving the premises. The cleansing and disinfection must take place at a point beyond which no contamination with poultry feathers, faeces, litter, egg shell or any similar matter can take place; and
  - the eggs, packaging, pallets, containers and trolleys must be free of visible contamination with poultry feathers, faeces, litter, egg shell originating from other eggs or any similar matter prior to dispatch.
5. The vehicle used must be leak proof, covered and carry a spill kit in case of any spillage.

### **Conditions 6 to 12 apply for movements of eggs from all premises:**

6. Eggs moved to premises designated as an egg packing centre or disposal premises:
  - must be packed in disposable packaging or in packing containers that have been effectively cleansed, disinfected and marked as such by the person carrying out the cleansing and disinfection
  - packaging must be on clean pallets or containers, and;
  - the area from which the eggs are loaded onto the vehicle must be free from visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter.
  - Shells and other parts of eggs which originate from farms located in the current Surveillance or Protection Zone must be disposed of to an approved animal by-products rendering plant as a Category 1 or Category 2 animal by-products as required by the relevant Animal By-Products legislation. Such material must be heat treated to destroy any avian influenza virus which may be present. Egg shell that has not been heat treated must not be applied directly on land or used in any products that are fed to animals.
7. The licensee must ensure that any person(s) involved in this movement:

- does not enter or leave any poultry or captive bird premises wearing clothing or footwear which is visibly soiled with mud, poultry or bird faeces or any similar matter;
  - cleanses and disinfects their footwear before entering or leaving any premises or place where poultry or captive birds were present;
  - removes any disposable clothing before leaving a poultry or captive bird premises and does not reuse it at further premises;
  - ensures non disposable clothing is clean and free of all visible contamination before leaving a poultry or captive bird premises; and
  - takes all other reasonable precautions to avoid transferring mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions, feathers or any other similar matter between poultry and captive bird premises.
8. After unloading at the premises of destination:
- in the case of a premises designated as an egg packing centre, the parts of the vehicle and any other thing used to transport eggs to the egg packing centre which might be contaminated with feathers, faeces, litter, egg shell, broken egg or any similar matter must be effectively cleansed and disinfected as soon as is reasonably practicable on the premises;
  - in the case of a premises for disposal the cleansing and disinfection must take place as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any case, before the vehicle is used again.
9. Cleansing and disinfection must be in accordance with Article 65(4) of the Order in Scotland, with Article 66(5) of the Order in England and with Article 66(5) of the Order in Wales.
10. A record of the movement as required by Article 73 of the Order in Scotland and Article 74 of the Order in England and Wales, must also be made as soon as is reasonably practicable after the movement and retained for at least 6 weeks after the movement is completed.
11. When moving anything under the authority of this licence, a person must carry with him a consignment note. The consignment note must include -
- (a) what is moved, including its quantity,
  - (b) the date of the movement,
  - (c) the name of the consignor,
  - (d) the address of the premises from which the movement started,
  - (e) the name of the consignee, and
  - (f) the address of the premises of destination.

## Notes

1. "The Order" means the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006 (as amended), the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006 (as amended) in England and the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) Order 2006 (as amended) in Wales.
2. A person moving anything under the authority of this licence must, if asked to do so by an inspector, or other officer of the Scottish Ministers, the Secretary of State or the Welsh ministers, give their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
3. Where the use of a disinfectant is required under this licence, the disinfectant must be approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Scotland) Order 2008 (as amended), the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (England) Order 2007 (as amended) in England, or

the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Wales) Order 2007 (as amended). It must be used at the correct concentration and allow adequate contact time.

4. Contact APHA (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>) or your Local Authority for further advice on biosecurity measures and any other legislation that may apply.
5. Up-to-date Avian Influenza legislation can be found at:
  - For England: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#legislation-on-avian-influenza>
  - For Scotland: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/avian-influenza-bird-flu/pages/legislation/>
  - For Wales: <https://gov.wales/avian-influenza-bird-flu>
  - Or all legislation can be found at: [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk)

A copy of this general licence can be viewed at the <https://www.gov.scot/publications/avian-influenza-bird-flu/pages/licencing-for-protection-and-surveillance-zones/> in Scotland, the <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu> in England or <https://gov.wales/licencing-protection-and-surveillance-zones> in Wales.

**Failure to observe the measures required in this licence is an offence under Section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981. The penalty on conviction of an offence under this section is a maximum of six months imprisonment and/or a fine not exceeding Level 5 on the standard scale**