

## EXD243(AI)(EW)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Welsh Government

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

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

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1. This general licence is issued in accordance 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 England or Wales to the following premises:
  - a) to an egg packing centre designated by the Secretary of State in England or Welsh Ministers in Wales,
  - b) premises for disposal in England or Wales.

This licence is valid from 17:30 on 17 December 2021

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Sara Higgins  
Veterinary Inspector

Date: 16:16 on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Veterinary Inspector appointed by Secretary of State 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.

## **Conditions 2 to 4 are only applicable to movements of eggs from premises located in a Protection Zone or Surveillance Zone**

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The vehicle used must be leak proof, covered and carry a spill kit in case of any spillage.

## **Conditions 5 to 10 apply for movements of eggs from all premises:**

5. Eggs moved to premises designated as an egg packing centre or disposal premises:
  - must be packed in new disposable packaging.
  - 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.
6. All persons who seek to rely on this general licence must:
  - not enter or leave premises wearing clothing or footwear which is visibly soiled with mud, poultry faeces or any similar matter;
  - wear disposable clothing or cleanse and disinfect any clothing, and footwear, before entering or leaving a premises; and
  - take all other reasonable precautions to avoid the transfer of mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions, feathers or any other similar matter between premises.
7. 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.
8. Cleansing and disinfection must be in accordance with Article 66(5) of the Order in England and Wales.

9. A record of the movement as required by 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.
10. 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 (England) (No.2) Order 2006 in England or the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No.2) Order 2006 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 Secretary of State or 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) (England) Order 2007 in England or the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Wales) Order 2007 in Wales. 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.

A copy of this general licence can be viewed at the <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu> in England, <https://gov.wales/avian-influenza-bird-flu-latest-update> 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**