

EXD497(HPAI)(EW)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Welsh Government

Animal Health Act 1981 (as amended)
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 horses for the purpose of exercise from a premises in the Surveillance Zone where poultry or other captive birds are kept

1. This general licence is issued in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Order.
2. This licence permits, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule of Conditions attached, the movement of horses on foot from premises in the Surveillance Zone for the purposes of exercise, in England and Wales, where poultry and other captive birds are kept.

This licence is valid from 09:00 on 19 January 2021



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Veterinary Inspector
Date: [09:00] 19 January 2021

Schedule of Conditions

1. Exercising of horses must be directly from, and returning to, the source premises, must be on foot, and must not be moved by vehicle or trailer.
2. The poultry keeper must have inspected the poultry on the premises to check that they show no clinical signs which could be associated with Avian Influenza in the 24 hours prior to each movement of horses under this licence
3. Horses to be moved under this licence must be kept separate from poultry and must avoid close contact with any poultry, poultry feed, bedding, or waste, when being moved on and off the premises
4. The route taken must not pass through any other premises where poultry are kept, must not pass through any area with large collections of wild birds i.e. marches or wetlands, and must not leave the surveillance zone
5. Persons riding or leading horses under the terms of this licence must not enter parts of the premises where poultry are kept, or must wear different clothing and footwear when accessing
6. Before horses are moved for exercise:
 - their feet and legs must be free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter
 - they must be walked through a disinfectant bath or walked over an absorbent surface which has been soaked in disinfectant. The disinfectant must be suitable for contact with animals. This must take place at a point beyond which no contamination with poultry feathers, faeces, litter, eggshell or any similar matter can take place.
7. Upon return to the premises:
 - the feet and legs of horses must be free of any significant visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter
 - horses must be walked back through a disinfectant bath or mat as described in bullet 2 of condition 6
8. The licensee must ensure that persons relying on this licence:
 - do not enter or leave the premises wearing clothing or footwear which is visibly soiled with mud, animal or bird faeces or any similar matter;
 - do wear disposal clothing, cleanse and disinfect any clothing and footwear, or change any clothing and footwear, before entering or leaving the premises; clothing must be changed, or cleansed and disinfected, at a point beyond which no contamination with poultry feathers, faeces, litter, eggshell or any similar matter can take place, and
 - do take all other reasonable precautions to avoid transferring anything which might be contaminated with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions, feathers or any other similar matter between premises
9. Cleansing and disinfection must be carried out in accordance with article 66 of Order.

Notes:

1. "The Order" means the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No. 2) Order 2006 in England, and the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No.2) Order 2006.
2. For the purposes of this licence the definition of Horses is extended to include Horses, Ponies, and Donkeys
3. This licence only applies to the movement of horses, by foot, for the purposes of exercise where they are returning to the source premises. For movements to other premises, and movements using vehicles, please refer to the general licence for the movement of mammals
4. 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, the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Scotland) Order 2008 in Scotland 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.
5. If you suspect notifiable disease you must report this immediately to your nearest APHA office.
6. 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 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

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 an unlimited fine.