General Licence for the Movement of Captive Birds, other than poultry, from a premises located in an area free of restrictions or in an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone to a premises located within a Surveillance or Protection Zone in England

1. This general licence is issued in accordance with paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 and 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 captive birds, other than poultry, to a premises in a Protection Zone or Surveillance Zone in England from a premises which is not under disease restrictions and which is located:

   • outside of any category of Avian Influenza Control Zone; OR
   • in an Avian Influenza Prevention zone, where the premises is not located within any other category of Avian Influenza Control Zone

This licence is valid from 13:50 on 01/03/2021

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Date: [13:50] 01 March 2021
Schedule of Conditions

1. The movement of captive birds (other than poultry) must be directly to the destination premises.

2. Immediately prior to movement made under the authority of this licence the licensee must inspect all birds on the source premises to check that they show no clinical signs that could be associated with Avian Influenza.

3. No poultry are present at the destination premises.

4. The birds to be moved must be kept isolated from other captive birds already present at the destination premises for 21 days.

5. Before entering the premises where the captive birds are to be loaded, the exterior of the vehicle must be free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter.

6. Before leaving the premises where the captive birds are loaded:
   - Prior to loading the birds, the means of transport and any equipment used to move birds must have been cleansed and disinfected to reduce so far as reasonably possible the risk of transmission of avian influenza. Such cleaning must have taken place since they were last used to transport any birds or otherwise contaminated with anything which may give rise to a risk of transmission of avian influenza.
   - the bedding used for transportation must be fresh, clean, free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter, and not have come into contact with captive birds, poultry or wild birds;
   - 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, wheel arches and mud flaps 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 feathers, animal faeces, litter, egg shell or any similar matter can take place.

7. After unloading at the premises of destination, the licensee must ensure that:
   - the parts of the vehicle and any equipment used to transport anything which might be contaminated with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions, feathers or any other similar matter must be cleansed and disinfected on site.
   - the vehicle’s wheels and wheel arches must be cleansed and disinfected after unloading and before leaving the destination premises. The cleansing and disinfection must take place at a point beyond which no contamination with feathers, animal faeces, litter, egg shell or any similar matter can take place.

8. 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, animal or bird faeces or any similar matter;
   - cleanse and disinfect their footwear on entering and leaving premises within the controlled zone; and
   - take all other reasonable precautions to avoid the transfer of contamination between premises.

9. Cleansing and disinfection must be carried out in accordance with article 66(5) of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006.
Notes

1. The Order means the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No. 2) Order 2006.

2. A record of the movement as required by Article 74 of the Order 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.

3. 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, give their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.

4. 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.

5. A “controlled zone” is defined in Article 2 of the Order to mean a protection zone, a surveillance zone, a restricted zone, a temporary movement restriction zone, a temporary control zone, a low pathogenic avian influenza restricted zone, an avian influenza prevention zone, or an avian influenza (restrictions on mammals) zone;

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 the 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.