

ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981

THE DISEASE CONTROL (ENGLAND) ORDER 2003 (AS AMENDED)

GENERAL LICENCE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF DEER

In accordance with Article 12 of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003, (the "Disease Control Order"¹), the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs hereby authorises by this licence the movement of deer within England, subject to the following conditions:

General

1. Prior to any movement the owner/keeper shall inspect the deer to be moved for signs of any notifiable disease² (including Foot and Mouth Disease). If there is any suspicion of the presence of a notifiable disease, it must be notified without delay to the relevant Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) office and no animal kept on the premises of departure may be moved under this licence whilst the suspicion of disease is investigated or as advised by APHA.

Cleansing and disinfection

2. Any vehicle used for the movement of deer under this licence must be cleansed and disinfected in accordance with the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 and the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 (WATO), as amended. This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

Types of movement permitted

3. Any deer may be moved under this licence including those that are being moved to non-agricultural premises for performing/exhibition purposes.

Standstill rule

4. Deer are not subject to any standstill period imposed by other animals and do not impose any standstill on the premises of destination when moved.

Animal identification

5. All deer moved under this licence must be:
 - uniquely identified by ear tag when they leave their farm of origin.
 - the tag must show both the herd number (either a Defra or British Deer Farms and Parks Association (BDFPA³) herd registration number), and the animal's own unique number. The letters UK must go before the Defra herd mark, for example "UK AB1234 000001".
 - the BDFPA system can be used to move a deer under this licence if details of that herd mark have been notified to the relevant APHA office.

Multiple Pick-ups/Drop offs

6. Multiple pick-ups and drop-offs are permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex 1 unless prohibited by any future measures.

Stops

7. When movements take place involving deer and other species travelling in the same vehicle, scheduled stops will be permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex 2 unless prohibited by any future measures. No transfers of

¹ References in this licence to UK legislation are references to that legislation as amended from time to time

² www.gov.uk/disease-notification-duties-of-farmers/

³ The BDFPA no longer issues herd marks for deer. Keepers need to contact APHA for new herd marks.

livestock between vehicles (or unloading of livestock except in an emergency) are allowed at any stop, whether scheduled or not, except in the case of multiple pick up or drop off operations where this is done in accordance with the instructions set out in Annex 1.

Mixing of Species

8. Animals of more than one species may travel in a single vehicle at any one time.

Movement Reporting

9. All movements of animals under the authority of this licence must be reported using the movement reporting document (ARAMS 2) in accordance with the provisions of the Disease Control Order and Annex 3 to this licence.
10. All movements of deer under the authority of this licence must be reported:
 - electronically in the case of animals being received at markets, abattoirs, collection centres, and assembly centres, or
 - on paper, or electronically, in the case of animals being received at other premises.
11. Where required, a movement reporting document must be completed and supplied. The exception will be when a keeper notifies a movement off their premises electronically and the transporter is able to print off in transit a document in relation to all the animals transported the keeper need not complete a paper movement document.
12. Multiple-moves must not be recorded on a single movement document.
13. The keeper at the premises of destination shall ensure that the movement of animals is reported within 3 calendar days of the movement taking place.

Zoo movements

14. Movements of deer to, from, or between zoo premises licensed under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 are not subject to the Disease Control Order. Such movements do not therefore fall within the terms of this licence.

Movements of deer to non-agricultural premises for performing or exhibition purposes

15. Deer may be moved to non-agricultural premises which do not have a CPH number, such as village halls, school halls, fetes, shopping centres, churches, garden centres and film studios, for performing or exhibition purposes subject to the recording, reporting and handling conditions set out in Annex 4. Movements of deer to agricultural shows do not fall within the definition of movements of deer to non-agricultural premises for performing or exhibition purposes.

Validity of Licence

16. No deer may be moved under this licence on or off premises if this is contrary to any other notifiable disease control measures in place at the time of the proposed movement⁴.
17. This licence cannot be used to move any deer whose movement is prohibited under any notice issued whether under article 13 of the Disease Control Order or otherwise.
18. Without prejudice to the liability of any other person for any breach of these conditions, it shall be the responsibility of both the owner and keeper of any animals moved under this licence to ensure that a movement is at all times carried out subject to, and in compliance with, these conditions.

This licence comes into force at 00.01hrs on 1 July 2016

Signed by Nieves Bottomley

⁴ The latest information regarding notifiable disease control measures together with information on how to register to receive text alerts on such controls can be found at www.gov.uk/apha

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Dated 29 June 2016

This licence hereby revokes and replaces the licence authorised on 3 April 2014 with effect from 00.01hrs 1 July 2016.