

Declaration of a Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Restricted Zone (H5) - near Mundford, Breckland, Norfolk

1) The Chief Veterinary Officer has confirmed that low pathogenic avian influenza is present in England.

2) In accordance with article 55(1) of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No 2) Order 2006¹ ("the Order"), the Secretary of State declares as a low pathogenic avian influenza restricted zone the area described in Annex 1 to this Declaration in which the measures set out in Schedule 7 to the Order (as replicated in the annex) apply from 18.00 on 15 January 2026 until this Declaration is withdrawn or amended by further declaration.

3) The low pathogenic avian influenza restricted zone is marked on the map in Annex 2.

Signed

Gordon Hickman
18.00 on 15 January 2026

Authorised by the Secretary of State

Failure to comply with this Declaration may be an offence under section 72 or 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981.

Copies of this Declaration and of the Order are available at <https://www.gov.uk/animal-disease-cases-england> and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 2nd floor, Seacole Block, 2 Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF.

¹ S.I. 2006/2702, as amended by 2018/1406, 2021/1472, 2022/1108, 2022/1224 and 2023/1415.

Annex 1 – Restricted Zone

The low pathogenic avian influenza restricted zone comprises that part of England contained within a circle of radius 1 kilometre, centred on grid reference TL8090493738. The grid reference is to the Ordnance Survey [Landranger 1:50,000 series].

The Measures from the Order that apply in the Restricted Zone

The following measures apply in the low pathogenic avian influenza restricted zone:

Restrictions on the movement of poultry, other captive birds and mammals onto and off premises

1. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), no person shall move poultry, other captive birds or mammals from or to premises within the zone where poultry or other captive birds are kept, unless the movement is licensed by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to pet animals which—
 - (a) only have access to that part of the premises where people live;
 - (b) have no contact with poultry or other captive birds on the premises; and
 - (c) have no access to any cages or areas on the premises where poultry or other captive birds are kept.

Biosecurity measures

2. The occupier and any person entering or leaving premises in the zone where poultry, other captive birds or eggs are kept must—
 - (a) take such biosecurity measures as he considers necessary to reduce the risk of the spread of avian influenza to or from the premises; and
 - (b) comply with any biosecurity requirements which a veterinary inspector or an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector, by notice to him, imposes.

Litter, poultry manure and slurry

3. No person shall remove from premises in the zone or spread used poultry litter, poultry manure or poultry slurry unless licensed to do so by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector.

Gatherings of poultry

4. No person shall permit any poultry or other captive birds to be collected together at any fair, market, show, exhibition or other gathering, unless licensed by a veterinary inspector.

Release of game

5. (1) No person shall release game birds.

(2) For the purpose of this paragraph, game birds include any pheasant, partridge, grouse (or moor game), black (or heath) game or ptarmigan or ducks bred for shooting.

Restrictions on the movement of poultry, other captive birds and eggs within the zone

6. Subject to paragraph 8, no person shall move any poultry, other captive birds or eggs into or within the zone (other than through the zone by road or rail without stopping), unless licensed by a veterinary inspector or by an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector.

Restrictions on the movement of poultry and eggs out of the zone

7. (1) Subject to paragraph 8, no person shall move any poultry or eggs out of the zone, unless the movement is—

(a) set out in sub-paragraph (2); and

(b) licensed by a veterinary inspector.

(2) The movements referred to in paragraph (1) are movements of—

(a) poultry for slaughter at a designated slaughterhouse;

(b) poultry to premises or part of premises where no poultry are kept;

(c) day-old chicks from eggs originating within the zone or from eggs which have come into contact with such eggs;

(d) day-old chicks from eggs originating outside the zone, if the hatchery is operated in such a way that such chicks and eggs are kept separate from day-old chicks and eggs originating in the zone;

(e) hatching eggs—

(i) to a designated hatchery; or

(ii) to designated premises for use for scientific, diagnostic or pharmaceutical purposes (if, in both cases, the eggs and their packaging are disinfected before dispatch);

(f) eggs to a designated egg packing centre in disposable packaging or packaging which has been cleansed and disinfected, in accordance with the instructions of a veterinary inspector or an inspector under the direction of an inspector under the direction of a veterinary inspector;

(g) eggs to an egg processing plant inside or outside the zone;

(h) eggs for disposal.

Wholesale and retail distribution of eggs

8. Paragraphs 6 and 7 do not apply to the movement of table eggs direct to wholesale or retail premises or subsequent to such a movement.

Carcases

9. The occupier of any premises within the zone must ensure that carcasses are disposed of in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions (unless the veterinary inspector licenses their use for diagnosis of disease).

Cleansing and disinfection of vehicles

10. A person who moves any poultry, other captive bird, meat, feed, manure, slurry, litter or any other thing which may be contaminated must cleanse and disinfect the vehicle and any equipment used to transport that thing as soon as it is unloaded, in accordance with article 66.

Annex 2 - Map showing the low pathogenic avian influenza restricted zone

