General licence for the movement of samples for salmonella testing from premises in the Protection Zone or Surveillance Zone

Licence

In accordance with the relevant legislation listed above, this general licence permits the movement of samples for Salmonella testing from premises within the Protection or Surveillance Zone to a UK laboratory approved for testing of salmonella in chickens and turkeys under the Salmonella National Control Programmes. These movements are permitted subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule of Conditions.

This licence comes into force at 12:00 on Monday 19 December 2016.

Paul Honeyman

Veterinary Inspector appointed by the relevant Minister

Date: 19 December 2016

Note: Relevant Ministers are the Secretary of State in England, Scottish Ministers in Scotland and Welsh Ministers in Wales
Schedule - General Licence Conditions

i. Samples sent under this licence must only be sent to UK laboratories approved for testing of salmonella under the Salmonella National Control Programmes.

ii. The receiving laboratory must be informed of the submission before the samples are sent and the licensee must:
   a. inform the receiving laboratory that the samples are from an Avian Influenza Surveillance or Protection Zone (as appropriate); and
   b. ensure the laboratory is aware of the conditions of this licence and has agreed to accept the samples.

iii. All samples must be packaged appropriately, to minimise the risk of disease spread.

iv. The outer packaging and sample submission form must be labelled to indicate the premises of origin and clearly state that the premises is within an Avian Influenza Protection or Surveillance Zone (as appropriate).

v. All such samples must be sent via recorded delivery, courier or delivered directly to the laboratory.

vi. All persons to whom this licence applies shall:
   a. not enter or leave premises wearing clothing or footwear which is visibly soiled with mud, animal or bird faeces or any similar matter;
   b. cleanse and disinfect their footwear on leaving the premises of origin;
   c. ensure their vehicle is free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any similar material;
   d. cleanse and disinfect any part of their vehicle that may have been contaminated without delay;
   e. take all other reasonable precautions to avoid the transfer of contamination between premises; and
   f. carry out all cleansing and disinfection in accordance with:
      • in England, article 66 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006;
      • in Scotland, article 65 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006; and
      • in Wales, article 66 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No.2) Order 2006.

vii. A record of the must be made by the occupier of the sampled premises as soon as is reasonably practicable after the movement and retained for at least 6 weeks after the movement is completed, as required:
   • in England, by article 74 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006;
   • in Scotland, article 73 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006; and
   • in Wales, article 74 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No.2) Order 2006.
Notes

- All samples must be packed in accordance with the Carriage of Dangerous Goods Regulations and ADR to meet UN3373 – P650 packaging requirements. Each package should be marked with “BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE CATEGORY B”. This must be in at least 6mm high letters and placed adjacent to the diamond UN3373 label.
- Contact your local Animal and Plant Health Agency Office or Local Authority for further advice on biosecurity measures and any other legislation that may apply.

**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.**