General licence for the movement of certain poultry meat into, within or out of a Protection Zone

This general licence is granted in accordance with paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006 (“the Order”) and permits, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule of Conditions attached, the movement of the following types of poultry meat into, within or out of a protection zone:

1) poultry meat from retail outlets where poultry are not present; and

2) poultry meat from poultry originating outside a protection zone.

Signed by veterinary inspector authorised by Secretary of State

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i) Before leaving a slaughterhouse in the protection zone or the surveillance zone, the licensee must make sure that the exterior of the vehicle is free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter.

ii) The licensee must ensure that the vehicle’s wheels and wheel arches are cleansed and disinfected after loading and before leaving the premises. The cleansing and disinfection must take place at a point beyond which contamination with poultry feathers, faeces, litter, egg shell or any similar matter can take place.

iii) Disinfection of the vehicle must be 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 movement must be direct between the premises of origin and premises of destination as required under the Order.

2. Article 63(3)(b) of the Order stipulates that meat produced from poultry from an area which subsequent to such production becomes a protection zone can only move if:

   (i) it was produced at least 21 days before the date a veterinary inspector estimates as the date of earliest infection at premises in the protection zone (the current date of earliest infection is published on the Defra web site); and

   (ii) it has been obtained, cut, transported and stored separately from meat produced after that date.

3. All poultry meat from poultry originating outside the zone must satisfy the separation requirements set out in the Order.

4. A person moving anything under the authority of a general licence granted under the Order must carry with them, at all times during the licensed movement, a consignment note which contains details of what is moved, including its quantity; the date of the movement; the name of the consignor; the address of the premises from which the movement started; the name of the consignee; and the address of the premises of destination. On demand by a veterinary inspector or other officer of the Secretary of State or by an inspector, the person moving anything under authority of a general licence must produce the consignment note and allow a copy or extract to be taken, and on such demand must provide their name and address. This does not apply to the end-consumer.

5. Movement records must be retained as required by the order for at least 6 weeks from the date the movement was completed.

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 a fine of any amount.