

## **Declaration of an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (“the Department”) has carried out a risk assessment in accordance with the provisions of under regulation 6(1) of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (“the Regulations”).

To reduce the risk of the transmission of avian influenza to poultry or other captive birds from wild birds or from any other source, the Department considers it necessary to declare the whole of Northern Ireland as an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone, in accordance with the provisions of regulation 6(1)(a) of the above Regulations, and the following measures apply within the zone.

### **Measures applying within the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone**

Any person in charge of poultry and captive birds must take all appropriate and practicable steps to ensure that:

- (i). poultry are housed or otherwise kept separate from wild birds;
- (ii). other captive birds are kept separate from wild birds;
- (iii). poultry and other captive birds are provided with feed and water which is not accessible to wild birds.
- (iv). any person who comes into contact with poultry and other captive birds must take all reasonable precautions to avoid the transfer of contamination between premises, including cleansing and disinfection of equipment, vehicles and footwear;
- (v). effective steps are taken to reduce the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry or captive birds are kept to minimise contamination from manure, slurry, litter and other products;
- (vi). steps are taken to implement effective vermin control programmes, including preventing the entry of wild birds, around buildings where poultry or captive birds are kept;
- (vii). housing and equipment is thoroughly cleansed and disinfected at the end of a production cycle;
- (viii). disinfectant at the right concentration is kept at all points where people should use it, such as at farm entrances and before entering poultry housing or enclosures.
- (ix). the collection together of poultry or other captive birds at any fair, market, show, exhibition, race or other gathering is prohibited except under the authority and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department.

These measures apply from 12 noon on 20 January 2017 until 11:59 p.m. on 16 March 2017

The Department declares that the declaration made at 11.30 am on 23 December 2016 is revoked and replaced by this declaration.

Signed



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Authorised by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

*Failure to comply with this Declaration may be an offence under article 52 of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and where found guilty of an offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.*

#### **Notes:**

**“poultry”** means a bird reared or kept in captivity for the production of meat or eggs for consumption, or of other products, for restocking supplies of game or for the purposes of any breeding programme for the production of such categories of birds;

**“other captive bird”** means a bird kept in captivity which is not poultry and includes a pet bird and a bird kept for shows, races, exhibitions, competitions, breeding or for sale;

Vehicles used to transport poultry or other captive birds shall be cleansed and disinfected in accordance with The Transport of Animals and Poultry (Cleansing and Disinfection) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007.

Guidance on housing and additional biosecurity measures of birds may be found in biosecurity guidance via

[www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/preparing-ai-separating-domestic-birds-wild-birds](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/preparing-ai-separating-domestic-birds-wild-birds)

[www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/biosecurity-and-preventing-disease-captive-birds](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/biosecurity-and-preventing-disease-captive-birds)

Frequently asked questions on the Prevention Zone are available at [www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/avian-influenza-ai](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/avian-influenza-ai)

Copies of this Declaration and of the Regulations are available at [www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk) and from Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT3 4SU.