DECLARATION OF AN AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION ZONE
THE AVIAN INFLUENZA AND INFLUENZA OF AVIAN ORIGIN IN MAMMALS (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2006

The Scottish Ministers have carried out a risk assessment under article 6(1) of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 20061 ("the Order").

To reduce the risk of the transmission of avian influenza to poultry and other captive birds in Scotland from wild birds or from any other source, the Scottish Ministers consider it necessary to declare the whole of Scotland as an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone.

The following measures apply within the zone.

Measures applying in the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

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

(a) poultry and other captive birds are protected against contact with wild birds through the use of cages, nets or roofs or by other appropriate and effective biosecurity measures;
(b) poultry and other captive birds are provided with feed and water indoors or under a shelter which sufficiently discourages the landing and access of wild birds;
(c) steps are taken to prevent poultry or other captive birds from accessing or drinking from outdoor water reservoirs (including ponds or flooded areas) on your premises, which are accessible to or used by wild birds;
(d) steps are taken to separate any domestic waterfowl (ducks or geese) from other domestic poultry on sites with mixed flocks;
(e) 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;
(f) 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 and other products;
(g) steps are taken to implement effective vermin control programmes, including preventing the entry of wild birds, around buildings where poultry or other captive birds are kept;
(h) housing and equipment is thoroughly cleansed and disinfected at the end of a production cycle;

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(i) approved disinfectant at the right concentration is kept at all points where people should use it, such as farm entrances and before entering poultry housing or enclosures.

These measures apply from 00.01 on 28 February 2017 until 00.01 on 30 April 2017.

This Declaration is made under article 6(1)(a) of the Order.

Signed

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09:00 22 February 2017

A member of staff of the Scottish Ministers

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

Copies of this Declaration and of the Order are available at www.gov.scot/avianinfluenza and from the Scottish Government Agriculture, Food and Rural Communities Directorate, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD.