

# Avian influenza Prevention Zone self-assessment checklist

In response to the increased risk level, and to mitigate the risk of infection to poultry and other captive birds by wild birds, an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) has been established in Great Britain.

This self-assessment form will assist all keepers of poultry and other captive birds to provide assurance that they are compliant with the required measures that apply within the zone. The required risk mitigation measures should be considered as the minimum necessary. All keepers are encouraged to exceed this where possible.

All keepers of poultry and other captive birds (including game birds and pet birds) are encouraged to sign and complete **Part 1** of the form below. **Part 2** should be completed by keepers of more than 500 poultry in addition to Part 1.

The completed form should be retained and provided for inspection if requested by representatives from APHA or Local Authorities.

## Details

Farm/premises name:	
Address:	
Contact Tel / Mobile No.:	
CPH ref. (if applicable)	

Completed by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print in block capitals

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 1: To be completed by ALL keepers of poultry and other captive birds

1. Are you registered on the Poultry Register of Great Britain? (if you keep more than 50 birds it is mandatory)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms>

2. What arrangements are in place to ensure that wild birds cannot access stored bedding, feed and water intended for your birds?

3. What steps have you taken or are in place to reduce movements of people, vehicles or equipment into or out of the areas where birds are kept? (Official inspections should carry on as required)

4. What robust (written) records do you have in place relating to movements of people, vehicles and equipment into or out of your bird area?

5. What robust (written) records do you have in place relating to movements of eggs and poultry or other captive birds?
6. Please detail the precautions you have put in place to avoid the transfer of possibly contaminated material into or out of your bird area and how do you ensure the effective cleansing and disinfection of all personal protective equipment, vehicles and machinery entering your bird site?
7. What vermin control programmes have you put in place?
8. What steps have you taken or are in place to ensure that wild birds are not attracted to the vicinity of the outdoor area, in particular to permanent puddles, ponds or other standing water?
9. How often is the bird area inspected, particularly for signs of wild birds or vermin access and to remove wild bird droppings and other material?
10. What cleaning and disinfecting routine do you use for bird housing, cages, feed store or pathways leading to and from bird areas?

11. Is your disinfectant Government approved?

Are you using the correct disinfectant concentration in your boot dips (when applicable)?

For the list of disinfectants please check:

[http://disinfectants.defra.gov.uk/DisinfectantsExternal/Default.aspx?Module=ApprovalsList\\_SI](http://disinfectants.defra.gov.uk/DisinfectantsExternal/Default.aspx?Module=ApprovalsList_SI)

12. If you keep domestic waterfowl (ducks, geese etc.) and poultry (chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl etc.) – how do you keep them separate?

13. State the frequency of how often you check the integrity of the building where birds are kept for any defects that would allow water ingress or other contamination?

14. Changes in birds health, feed or water intakes should be closely monitored as they could provide early signs of disease. Things to look out for include, but are not limited to:

- Drops in egg production of 5% or more over a three day period
- Changes in colour and / or consistency of your birds' faeces
- Decrease in water or feed intakes

If you see any of the above signs it is recommended that you consult your private veterinary surgeon immediately.

Do you monitor your birds health, feed and water intakes?

Health	Yes		No	
Feed	Yes		No	
Water	Yes		No	

15. If your birds have access to an outdoor area – what reasonable steps will be taken to make sure that the range area is not contaminated with feathers and faecal material from wild birds?

16. Provide details of your veterinary surgeon.

17. How would you arrange for the removal of any wild bird carcasses from the range?

18. Have you fenced off or netted any ponds, standing water or waterlogged land in the range to prevent access by poultry or other captive birds?

19. Have you checked that there is no possibility for direct contact between your birds and poultry or other captive birds on neighbouring premises?

20. What steps will be taken to prevent unnecessary or accidental access by people to your birds area? Do you have any signage in place?

21. If access of people is essential how will you assess the risks, associated with entry and what mitigation measures will be taken? For example rights of way across premises or outdoor bird areas.

22. Is dedicated disinfectable footwear and clothing available for use to access the poultry or other captive bird area? Have all who are required to access such areas been made aware and instructed in their use?

23. If you keep more than 50 poultry or other captive birds, record below the locations of your disinfection points and how they are maintained?

## Part 2: To be completed by keepers of more than 500 poultry

1. Is your premises divided into a poultry (live-bird) part, a private (ancillary use) part; and a restricted access (bio-secure barrier) part?

2. Do you have signage at the entry and exit points to each zone on your premises?

3. Is access to a live-bird part restricted to essential authorised personnel only? (official visits should carry on as required)

4. What measures are taken at the entry to the live-bird part in the hygiene area?

5. Are only essential vehicles and equipment entering the live-bird area?

6. Is the exterior of any vehicles cleansed and disinfected (focusing on wheels and wheel arches) both at entry and exit of live-bird area?

7. For vehicles only entering the private (ancillary use) part of your premises is the exterior of any vehicles cleaned and disinfected (focusing on wheels and wheel arches)?
8. At the end of production cycle is the housing and equipment thoroughly cleansed and disinfected?
9. Where do you store your waste and fallen stock? How frequently is it collected, checked?
10. What records are in place to demonstrate that egg room floors, farm production area entrances are cleaned daily with approved disinfectant to minimise any possible foot transition?
11. How do you dispose your waste or surplus eggs? Do you keep records of that?
12. What records are in place to record the removal, storage and spreading of poultry manure?