

Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016 (“[the Law](#)”)
Animal Health (Bird Diseases) (Jersey) Order 2017 (“[the Order](#)”)

Article 5(1) Measures to reduce the risk of transmission of disease

Declaration of an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone for all of Jersey

The Minister for the Environment has carried out a risk assessment under article 5(1) of the Order”.

To reduce the risk of the transmission of avian influenza, the Minister accordingly declares the whole of Jersey to be an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone and the following measures apply within the zone.

Measures applying in the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

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

- a) poultry and other captive birds are housed under an impermeable roof and ensure they have no contact with birds from other premises and take all reasonable steps to minimise the birds’ contact with wild birds;
- b) poultry and other captive birds are provided with feed and fresh clean water which is not accessible to wild birds and has been stored in containers that are vermin proof;
- c) any person who comes into contact with poultry and other captive birds must without delay take all reasonable biosecurity measures necessary to reduce the risk of the spread of avian influenza to or from the premises, including cleansing and disinfection of equipment, vehicles and footwear that may have been contaminated, using an approved Defra disinfectant diluted at the correct dilution rate for avian influenza, and clothing should be washed;
- d) 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 or any other thing;
- e) 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 or feed or equipment or other things are stored;
- f) housing and equipment is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis and at the end of a production cycle;

- g) an approved disinfectant at the appropriate concentration is kept at all points where people should use it, such as farm entrances and before entering poultry housing or enclosures; the disinfectant should be changed regularly, protected against rain and made secure so that children and pets cannot gain access;
- h) no bird gatherings shall take place including (but not limited to) bird fairs, markets, shows, exhibitions, races or other events occur;
- i) No person shall release birds;
- j) no birds or things likely to spread disease shall move on or off a premises to another premises or be exported from Jersey, without a licence issued by the Minister.

These measures apply from 00.01 on 7 September 2022 until further notice

This Declaration is made under article 10 of the Law and article 5(1) (a) of the Order.

Signed:

Brian Smith
States Veterinary Officer

Authorised by the Minister for the Environment

Dated: [15.00 on 6 September 2022]

Failure to observe the measures in this notice is an offence under the Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016, Article 29. A person found guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) is liable to imprisonment for a term of 2 years and to a fine.

Notes:

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

“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 \(Cleansing and Disinfection\) \(England\) \(No. 3\) Order 2003 \(2003 No. 1724\)](#)

Guidance on housing and additional biosecurity measures of birds may be found in biosecurity guidance via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

Copies of this Declaration are available via www.gov.je/poultry and from Natural Environment, Howard Davis Farm.

Copies of the Law and the Order are available via www.jerseylaw.je

