

**RED TRACTOR ASSURANCE FOR FARMS  
POULTRY - BROILER - STANDARDS  
SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

Version 3.0

		Do you meet the requirements of the Standards?		
Code	Standard			
	<b>DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
DP.a	Producers must have a copy of the Red Tractor Assurance for Farms - Broiler and Poussin Standards available			
DP.b	A documented plan for the effective management of serious incidents and potential emergency situations that threaten the welfare of birds, food safety or the environment must be in place and known to key staff			
DP.b.1	An Avian Influenza contingency plan must be in place			
DP.b.2	There must be an emergency water supply capable of providing water at maximum demand for 24 hours			
DP.c	Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints received that are relevant to the requirements of the Broiler and Poussin Standards			
DP.c.1	Producers must notify their Certification Body of any notification of a positive coccidiostat (e.g. nicarbazin) residue found in poultry meat			
DP.d	Producers must ensure that new production sites are suitable for use			
	<b>STAFF AND LABOUR PROVIDERS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
SC.a	Systems must be in place to ensure that all new staff are effectively trained and deemed competent to carry out the activities they are employed to do			
SC.b	The performance and competence of staff must be regularly reviewed and refresher training implemented as required			
SC.c	Records of training must be kept			
SC.c.1	Producers must adopt British Poultry Training – Poultry Passport, or Poultry Training Record, as the formal route for industry training and training recognition			
SC.d	Where labour providers are used to supply temporary or permanent staff an agreement must be in place to ensure competent persons are provided			

	<b>TRACEABILITY AND ASSURANCE STATUS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
TI.a	Birds must be identified and records kept to maintain traceability			
TI.b	Eggs and/or chicks must be sourced from farms/ hatcheries certified to the relevant scheme standards			
	<b>VERMIN CONTROL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
VC.a	Systems must be in place to control vermin in areas where birds and feed are kept			
VC.b	Bait must be used responsibly			
VC.c	Pets and other animals must not have access to poultry houses and service buildings			
	<b>HOUSING, SHELTER AND HANDLING FACILITIES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
HF.a	Housing must be constructed and maintained to provide a safe environment for birds			
HF.a.1	The sound level in housing must be minimised			
HF.b	Housing must be appropriately and effectively ventilated			
HF.b.1	Temperature records must be kept			
HF.b.2	A written policy must be in place outlining recognition of and procedures to be followed in the event of heat or cold stress occurring			
HF.c	Floors must be constructed and maintained in a manner that minimises the risk of injury			
HF.d	Conditions in housing must be maintained in a manner that ensures birds are able to keep clean			
HF.d.1	Surfaces within housing must be in good condition and must be able to be cleaned and disinfected			
HF.d.2	Flocks are provided with clean, fresh bedding to a minimum depth of 2cm			
HF.d.3	Bedding must remain in a dry, friable condition			
HF.d.4	Bedding stored in the open is stored on pallets and is covered			
HF.e	Housing must be lit to allow normal behaviours, rest and effective inspection of birds			
HF.f	Housing must be of sufficient size			
HF.f.1	Houses must have plates which highlight important information			
HF.g	Housing areas must provide for the specific needs of young birds			
HF.h	Automatic equipment is inspected once a day			
HF.i	An alternative power supply must be available which is capable of supplying all essential electrical systems within the poultry houses			
HF.j	Electrical installations must be tested once every five years by a registered electrician			
HF.k	An alarm system must be in place which alerts stockmen to ventilation equipment failure			
HF.l	Fire prevention measures must be taken			

	<b>FEED AND WATER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
FW.a	Birds must be provided with sufficient feed			
FW.b	Birds must be provided with sufficient access to feed			
FW.c	Birds must be provided with adequate access to a supply of fresh, clean drinking water			
FW.c.1	A system must be in place to ensure that any water supply problems are identified and rectified within a timescale that does not compromise welfare			
FW.d	Feed must be suitable			
FW.e	Bought-in-feed must be from an assured source or in specific circumstances with a warranty declaration			
FW.f	Records of all feedstuffs purchased must be kept			
FW.g	When mixing two or more feed materials together records must be kept			
FW.h	When the mix formulation changes samples must be kept			
FW.i	If mixing using 'pre-mixtures', 'additives' or medicated feeds you must have Local Authority approval and meet any associated obligations			
FW.j	Mobile feed milling and/or mixing contractors must be suitably certified			
FW.k	Controls must be in place to minimise the risk of contamination of feeds by			
FW.l	Feed must be stored in a manner which minimises the risk of contamination			
	<b>ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
AH.a	A Flock Health Plan to proactively manage and improve health and welfare of livestock must be established and implemented			
AH.b	Records of the health and performance of all birds must be maintained			
AH.c	Health and performance records must be reviewed regularly			
AH.c.1	Flocks must be tested for salmonella under the National Control Plan. Two boot swabs per flock (house or airspace) must be taken within three weeks of any slaughter			
AH.d	The health and welfare of birds must be met at all times			
AH.e	The health and welfare of birds must be checked regularly			
AH.e.1	Signs of hock marking and pododermatitis must be monitored and recorded			
AH.f	Birds must be handled in a way that avoids injury and minimises stress			
AH.g	All persons looking after the health and welfare of birds must be demonstrably competent			
AH.h	All poultry farms must retain the services of a named veterinary surgeon or practice			

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AH.i	Sick or injured birds must receive prompt attention in order that suffering is not prolonged			
AH.j	Birds that do not respond to treatment or require emergency euthanasia must be promptly and humanely euthanased by a competent person			
	<b>BIOSECURITY AND DISEASE CONTROL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Bl.a	Control measures must be in place to minimise the spread of disease within the farm and between other farms			
Bl.b	Access to the farm must be limited to essential visitors only and visitor records must be kept			
Bl.c	There must be defined biosecure areas on each farm			
Bl.d	On entry to a biosecure area all staff and visitors must change into clean boots or use new disposable overshoes			
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Bl.f	A physical barrier footwear system, with dedicated footwear, must be provided at the entrance to each biosecure bird area			
Bl.g	Hand sanitisers or hand wash facilities must be present within reach of the physical barrier and must be used before entrance and after exit of the biosecure bird area			
Bl.h	Farm dedicated protective clothing must be supplied to and worn by all when on-farm. Clothing must be washed or discarded between flocks			
Bl.i	Toilets and hand washing facilities must be available and must consist of a basin with hot water, bactericidal soap and disposable towels or hand driers			
Bl.j	The farm must operate a period free of all birds between flock cycles			
Bl.k	All vehicles, including wheels, and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering the farm			
Bl.l	The farm must have an area of clean concrete, metalled surface or rolled stone which is large enough for a collection vehicle or feed lorry to stand			
Bl.m	Permanent standing water must not accumulate on the farm			
Bl.n	Staff must not keep or have contact with other poultry or any avian species			
Bl.o	Auxiliary buildings, toilets, offices, stores and break rooms must be kept clean and tidy			
Bl.p	Smoking and the consumption of food and drink must be restricted to designated areas			
	<b>ANIMAL MEDICINES AND HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
AM.a	Medicines must be authorised for use in the UK and used appropriately			
AM.b	Medicines and veterinary treatments must only be administered by demonstrably competent persons			
AM.c	Medicines must be kept in an appropriate locked store, in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions			

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AM.d	Medicines, medicine containers and used sharps must be stored safely pending disposal and be disposed of responsibly			
AM.e	Records for all medicines purchased must be kept for five years			
AM.e.1	If birds are given medicated feed(s) Medicated Feedingstuff Prescription(s) (MFSP) must be kept for five years			
AM.f	Records for all medicines administered must be kept for five years			
AM.f.1	Medicine records must provide the total antibiotic (mg active/kg LWt) used			
AM.f.2	The routine use of fluoroquinolones is not permitted in broiler chicks. The use of 3rd or 4th generation cephalosporins is not permitted in broiler chicks at any time and there must be no routine use of antibiotics in day-old chicks			
AM.g	Birds being treated must be clearly identified and prescribed withdrawal periods complied with			
AM.h	Mutilations are not permitted			
	<b>FALLEN STOCK</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
FS.a	Fallen stock must be removed promptly from housing/pens/fields			
FS.b	Carcases of fallen and euthanased stock must be stored in a manner that protects them from vermin and other animals			
FS.c	Carcases must be disposed of correctly, either by collection by a licensed collector or by approved on-farm incineration			
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONTAMINATION CONTROLS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
EC.a	The farm must be maintained in a manner that does not present risks to food safety, animal welfare or environmental protection			
EC.b	Potential pollutants are stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination or pollution			
EC.c	All wastes must be disposed of in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination or pollution			
EC.d	PPPs used must be approved for use in the UK			
EC.e	PPPs must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination or pollutants			
EC.f	PPPs must be applied to land in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination or pollution			
EC.g	PPP application must be undertaken by competent operators			
EC.h	Records must be kept of all PPP applications for a minimum of three years			
EC.i	All PPP application equipment must be maintained and from 26th Nov 2016, tested			

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EC.j	Manufactured fertilisers must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of theft			
EC.k	Fertilisers must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination or pollution			
EC.l	Only appropriate, safe and suitable fertilisers and soil improvement products must be applied to land			
EC.m	Fertilisers and soil improvement products must be applied to land in a manner which minimises the risk of contamination or pollution			
	<b>DEPOPULATION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
DE.a	All catching companies are registered with the Red Tractor Poultry Scheme			
DE.b	The catching team must be trained to minimise bird stress at depopulation and to understand biosecurity issues			
DE.c	Light levels must be kept low during depopulation			
DE.d	Transport crates must be clean, disinfected and not pose a risk of injury to birds			
DE.e	The person responsible for birds must be present at depopulation			
DE.f	A loading area must be available for the loading of birds for transport and must be clean, tidy and hygienically managed			
DE.g	Birds must not be carried by the wings or by the neck			
DE.h	Injured or sick birds must not be transported			
DE.i	Maximum crate stocking densities must meet legislative requirements			
DE.j	Feed must not be withdrawn for more than nine hours prior to catching			
DE.k	Water must be available up to catching			
DE.l	Birds must be transported in modular systems which must be placed as close as possible to the group being caught			
DE.m	If mechanical harvesting, houses must be entered with minimum disturbance to birds			
DE.n	If mechanical harvesting, the machine operator must be able to provide evidence that he has undertaken training for the machine that he is operating and has knowledge of action to be taken in the event of machine failure			
DE.o	If mechanical harvesting, the house operators must clear a space in a calm and controlled manner before the machinery enters			
DE.p	If mechanical harvesting, birds must be cleared in such a way that they are collected as the machine moves forward and they are not allowed to move behind the vehicle			
DE.q	Speed of mechanical harvesting equipment must be set low enough not to cause damage to birds			

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DE.r	Any damage to birds during mechanical harvesting must be monitored and issues rectified			
DE.s	If mechanical harvesting equipment is used it must be serviced and maintained regularly			
DR.t	If mechanical harvesting equipment is used it is recommended that the machinery used is capable of clearing around posts			
DE.u	A Standard Operating Procedure is in place for catching which takes into account biosecurity, health and safety, hygiene and bird welfare requirements			
DE.v	A nominated member of the catching team is responsible for the catching operation			
DE.x	Catchers must adhere to the farm's biosecurity policy			
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DE.x.1	There must be a system in place for a designated person to inspect forklifts and other catching equipment, including catchers' transport, for cleanliness and disinfection with a Defra approved disinfectant prior to entry to the biosecure area			
DE.x.2	Forklifts and other catching equipment, including catchers' transport and mechanical harvesting equipment, must be cleaned and disinfected prior to leaving the farm unless it is taken directly to an off-site location to be cleaned and disinfected			
DE.y	Clean and tidy facilities must be made available for catchers to use during breaks			
	<b>POULTRY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
PT.a	All birds must be transported by transporters registered with the Red Tractor Poultry Scheme			
PT.b	The haulier must adhere to all current legislation that applies to the transport of birds			
PT.c	Each vehicle must carry a written statement of maximum stocking density			
PT.d	Mortality during transport must be recorded and investigated			
PT.e	The driver must be competent and trained in the handling and welfare of poultry			
PT.f	All vehicles have a written Emergency Action Plan			
PT.g	Drivers have the means of mobile communication with the farm and/or processing plant			
PT.h	The time between start of loading and unloading at the processing plant must not exceed twelve hours			
PT.i	Journeys must be planned in advance to minimise waiting times			
PT.j	Noise during loading and unloading must be kept to a minimum			

PT.k	If birds have to be retained on a stationary vehicle, action must be taken to prevent heat or cold stress from occurring			
PT.l	The vehicle must be clean, disinfected and not pose a risk of injury to the birds			
PT.m	The haulier must retain records			
PT.o	Drivers must adhere to the farm's biosecurity policy			
	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS (the following do not affect your certification)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
HF.e.2	It is recommended that windows are fitted in all buildings which house birds			
AH.d.1	It is recommended that environmental enrichment is provided			
EC.f.1	It is recommended that you consider alternative ways of controlling weeds, crop pests and crop diseases			
EC.g.1	It is recommended that those who have Grandfather Rights hold relevant certificates of competence			
EC.i.1	It is recommended that PPP application equipment is checked to ensure accurate application			
EC.m.1	It is recommended that all equipment used for applying manufactured fertilisers is checked to ensure accurate application			
DE.w	It is recommended that there is a scheduled catching plan			
PT.n	It is recommended that vehicles are fitted with curtains and a roof unless modules have a solid top or roof			