

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

Version 3.0

		Do you meet the requirements of the Standards?		
Code	Standard			
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES		YES	NO	N/A
DP.a	Producers must have a copy of the Red Tractor Assurance for Farms - Breeder Layer 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.c	Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints received that are relevant to the requirements of the Breeder Layer Standards			
DP.d	Producers must ensure that new production sites are suitable for use			
STAFF AND LABOUR PROVIDERS		YES	NO	N/A
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			
TRACEABILITY AND ASSURANCE STATUS		YES	NO	N/A
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			

	VERMIN CONTROL	YES	NO	N/A
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			
	HOUSING, SHELTER AND HANDLING FACILITIES	YES	NO	N/A
HF.a	Housing must be constructed and maintained to provide a safe environment for birds			
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.e.1	Lighting follows a 24 hour rhythm			
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			

	FEED AND WATER	YES	NO	N/A
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 machinery and equipment			
FW.l	Feed must be stored in a manner which minimises the risk of contamination			
	ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	YES	NO	N/A
AH.a	A Flock Health Plan to proactively manage and improve health and welfare of birds 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.			
AH.c.2	Parent stock must be vaccinated with a licensed S. enteritidis and S.			
AH.c.3	Flocks must be tested to determine Mycoplasma gallisepticum and			
AH.c.4	Moulting must not be induced			
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.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			
	BREEDER LAYER EGGS	YES	NO	N/A
BE.b	Egg collecting staff must sanitise their hands prior to handling eggs and between handling floor eggs and nest eggs			
BE.c	All eggs found to be cracked, defective or dirty must be identified and rejected. These eggs must be kept separate from clean eggs			
BE.d	Eggs must be collected at minimum frequencies			
BE.e	All eggs selected for hatching must be placed in clean, dry trays and placed into suitable storage rooms as soon as possible			
BE.f	Hatching eggs must be marked with a black mark using an indelible pen			
BE.g	Each trolley must be marked with the breeder farm and date laid			
BE.h	Egg collection records must be kept			
	BIOSECURITY AND DISEASE CONTROL	YES	NO	N/A
BI.a	Control measures must be in place to minimise the spread of disease within the farm and between other farms			
BI.b	Access to the farm must be limited to essential visitors only and visitor records must be kept			
BI.c	There must be defined biosecure areas on each farm			
BI.d	Foot dips must be provided at the entrance to each biosecure area and must be used by all who enter them			
BI.e	On entry to a biosecure area all staff and visitors must change into clean boots or use new disposable overshoes			
BI.f	A physical barrier footwear system, with dedicated footwear, must be provided at the entrance to each biosecure bird area			
BI.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			
BI.h	Farm dedicated protective clothing must be supplied to and worn by all when on-farm. Clothing must be washed or discarded between flocks			
BI.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			
BI.j	The farm must operate a period free of all birds between flock cycles			
BI.k	All vehicles, including wheels, and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering the farm			

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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			
	ANIMAL MEDICINES AND HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES	YES	NO	N/A
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			
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.e1	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	The routine use of antibiotics in day old placements should not be used in broiler breeders. The use of 3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins is not permitted in broiler breeders at any stage of their life			
AM.h	Husbandry procedures must be carried out only when necessary and by demonstrably competent persons			
	FALLEN STOCK	YES	NO	N/A
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			
	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONTAMINATION CONTROLS	YES	NO	N/A
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			

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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			
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			
	DEPOPULATION	YES	NO	N/A
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			

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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			
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			
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			
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			
	POULTRY TRANSPORT	YES	NO	N/A
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			

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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			
	RECOMMENDATIONS (the following do not affect your certification)	YES	NO	N/A
BE.a	It is recommended that eggs are collected using an automated nest box system			
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.t	If mechanical harvesting equipment is used it is recommended that the machinery used is capable of clearing around posts			
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			