



**RED TRACTOR ASSURANCE FOR FARMS CHICKEN HATCHERY
SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

		Do you meet the requirements of the standard?		
CODE	STANDARD	YES	NO	N/A
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES				
DP.a.1	Systems must be in place to maintain the farm in a manner that does not present risks to food safety, animal welfare and environmental protection			
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.b.3	You must contact Red Tractor and/or your Certification Body immediately if a serious incident or emergency situation threatens the welfare of birds (e.g. stocking density breach)			
DP.c	Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints received that are relevant to the requirements of the Hatchery Standards			
DP.d	Producers must ensure that new production sites are suitable for use			
STAFF AND LABOUR PROVIDERS				
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.c.2	Drivers must receive documented, relevant training in welfare			
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				
TI.a	Chicks must be identified, and records kept maintaining traceability			
TI.b	Eggs and/or chicks must be sourced from Red Tractor Assured farms/hatcheries certified to the relevant scheme standards			
VERMIN CONTROL				
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.b.1	Permanent baiting must not routinely be undertaken			
VC.c	Pets and other animals must not have access to hatchery buildings			
HOUSING, SHELTER AND HANDLING FACILITIES				
HF.a	Hatchery must be constructed and maintained to provide a safe and secure environment for chicks			
HF.b	Hatchery must be appropriately and effectively ventilated			



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HF.b.1	Temperature records must be kept			
HF.b.2	Chick holding area must be temperature controlled and monitored			
HF.c	Floors must be constructed and maintained in a manner that minimises the risk of injury			
HF.d	Conditions within housing must be maintained in a manner that ensures chicks are able to keep clean			
HF.d.1	Surfaces within hatchery must be in good condition and must be able to be cleaned and disinfected			
HF.d.2	Chicks must be loaded into clean chick boxes			
HF.d.3	Drains in production areas are accessible and cleanable			
HF.e	Hatchery must be lit to allow normal behaviours, rest and effective inspection of chicks			
HF.e.1	Facilities to reduce light must be available			
HF.f	Chick area must be of sufficient size			
HF.g	This standard is not applicable to this sector			
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 hatchery			
HF.j	Electrical installations must be tested once every five years by a registered electrician			
HF.k	Alarms must be responded to within 15 minutes			
HF.k.1	Incubation equipment is alarmed for high and low temperatures and mains failure			
HF.l	Fire prevention measures must be taken			
ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE				
AH.a	A Flock Health Plan to proactively manage and improve health and welfare of chicks must be established and implemented			
AH.b	Records of the health and performance of chicks must be maintained			
AH.c	This standard is not applicable to this sector			
AH.c.1	Hatcheries must be monitored for Salmonella			
AH.d	The health and welfare of chicks must be met at all times			
AH.e	The health and welfare of chicks must be checked regularly			
AH.f	Chicks must be handled in a way that avoids injury and minimises stress			
AH.f.1	Automation and conveyors must not cause injury to chicks			
AH.g	All persons looking after the health and welfare of chicks must be demonstrably competent			
AH.h	All hatcheries must retain the services of a named veterinary surgeon or practice			
AH.i	Sick or injured chicks must receive prompt attention in order that suffering is not prolonged			
AH.j	Chicks that do not respond to treatment or require emergency euthanasia must be promptly and humanely euthanased by a trained and competent person			
HATCHERY EGGS				
HC.a	Eggs from flocks infected with Salmonella enteritidis or Salmonella typhimurium must not be admitted to the hatchery			
HC.b	Incoming eggs must be from breeder flocks certified Mycoplasma gallisepticum free and of known Mycoplasma synoviae status			
HC.c	One-way product flow must be maintained from egg receipt to chick dispatch			



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HC.d	Incoming air must be filtered. A positive airflow from eggs to chicks must be maintained			
HC.e	Differentiation must be maintained between 'clean' and 'dirty' areas			
HC.f	All eggs must be fumigated or sanitised prior to setting			
HC.g	Incubation hatcher and setter equipment must be easy to clean, in good working order and sealed to the floor			
HC.h	The hatchery must have a dedicated egg store and a designated setter room			
HC.i	Eggs must be stored in a temperature and humidity-controlled room			
HC.j	Hatching eggs must be identifiable			
HC.k	The hatchery must retain production records for each consignment of eggs			
HC.i	Eggs must be collected, and chicks must be delivered in purpose-built vehicles			
HC.m	A vehicle cleaning and sanitation policy is in place			
BIOSECURITY AND DISEASE CONTROL				
BI.a	Control measures must be in place to minimise the spread of disease within the hatchery and between other hatcheries and farms			
BI.a.2	<i>It is recommended there is a defined boundary around the farm that prevents the access of stock and vehicles so entry and exit to the farm is controlled, as far as possible, through one entrance/exit point</i>			
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.c.1	There must be no staff or visitor car parking within the biosecure area			
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	This standard is not applicable to this sector			
BI.g	Hand sanitisers or hand wash facilities must be present and used before entrance and after exit of the biosecure area			
BI.h	Hatchery dedicated protective clothing must be supplied to and worn by all within the biosecure area			
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	This standard is not applicable to this sector			
BI.k	All vehicles wheels and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering and exiting the farm			
BI.l	The hatchery must have an area of clean concrete, metallised surface or rolled stone which is large enough for a collection vehicle to stand			
BI.m	This standard is not applicable to this sector			
BI.n	Staff must not keep or have contact with other poultry or any avian species			
BI.o	Auxiliary buildings, toilets, offices, stores and break rooms must be kept clean and tidy			
BI.p	Smoking and the consumption of food and drink must be restricted to designated areas			
ANIMAL MEDICINES AND HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES				
AM.a	Medicines must be authorised for use in the UK and used appropriately			



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AM.b	Medicines and veterinary treatments must only be administered by demonstrably competent persons			
AM.b.1	Proportioners must be calibrated according to manufacturer's instructions			
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.f	Records for all medicines administered must be kept for five years			
FALLEN STOCK				
FS.a	This standard is not applicable to this sector			
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			
RESPONSIBLE USE OF AGROCHEMICALS				
AG.a	Agrochemicals are stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
AG.b	<i>If PPPs are used it is recommended that an integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan is completed</i>			
AG.c	Agrochemicals must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
AG.c.1	Agrochemicals must be applied by competent persons			
AG.d	All PPP application equipment must be maintained and tested			
AG.e	Records must be kept of all PPP applications			
AG.f	Wastes are disposed of in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT				
NM.a	A Manure Management Plan must be kept and followed when applying manures and/or slurries to land			
NM.b	Organic manure must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
NM.c	Fertilisers/soil improvement products must be suitable for their intended use			
NM.c.1	Fertilisers must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination or pollution			
NM.c.2	Fertiliser application equipment must be maintained			