



**RED TRACTOR ASSURANCE FOR FARMS FREE RANGE CHICKEN
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.a.2	A farm map must be in place			
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.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), food safety or the environment occurs on farm			
DP.c	Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints received that are relevant to the requirements of the Free Range Standards			
DP.c.1	Producers must notify their Certification Body of any notification of a positive coccidiostat (eg nicarbazin) residue found in poultry meat			
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.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	Birds must be identified and records kept to maintain 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 poultry houses and service buildings or the range			
HOUSING, SHELTER AND HANDLING FACILITIES				



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HF.a	Housing must be constructed and maintained to provide a safe and secure environment for birds			
HF.b	Housing must be appropriately and effectively ventilated			
HF.b.1	Temperature records must be kept			
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.d.5	Fixed housing must have a minimum of a 1 metre 'door mat'			
HF.e	Housing must be lit to allow normal behaviours, rest and effective inspection of birds			
HF.e.1	Birds must have access to the range area for a minimum of 8 hours per day			
HF.e.2	Birds have access to the range for at least half their lives			
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 animals			
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 WELFARE			
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.d.1	Feed formulae must comply with the poultry meat marketing legislation			
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.g.1	Wheat for incorporation as whole wheat must be treated for the control of Salmonella			
FW.h	When the mix formulation changes samples must be kept			



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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				
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 birds must be maintained			
AH.c	Health and performance records must be reviewed regularly			
AH.c.1	Flocks must be tested a minimum of 7 days prior to slaughter for Salmonella under the National Control plan			
AH.c.2	Birds must not be slaughtered before 56 days			
AH.d	The health and welfare of birds must be met at all times			
AH.d.1	Environmental enrichment must be provided			
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			
AH.i	Sick or injured bird 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 trained and competent person			
BIOSECURITY AND DISEASE CONTROL				
Bl.a	Control measures must be in place to minimise the spread of disease within the farm and between other farms			
Bl.a.1	The entrance to the farm must be secure			
Bl.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>			
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.c.1	There must be no staff or visitor car parking within the biosecure area			
Bl.d	Foot dips must be provided at the entrance to each biosecure area and must be used by all who enter them			
Bl.e	On entry to a biosecure area all staff and visitors must change into clean boots or use new disposable overshoes			
Bl.f	A physical barrier footwear system, with dedicated footwear, must be provided at the entrance to each biosecure bird area			



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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 wheels and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering and exiting 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	This standard is not applicable to this sector			
Bl.n	Staff must not keep or have contact with other poultry or any avian species			
Bl.o	Toilet, 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			
Bl.q	Farms must be capable of implementing a housing order issued by the Chief Veterinary Officer on the day of issue			
Bl.q.1	<i>It is recommended that there is a plan in place that enables the housing of the birds for the duration of the crop cycle without compromising the welfare standards expected for housed birds</i>			
Bl.r	<i>It is recommended that new free range farms are not located adjacent to a watercourse</i>			
Bl.s	<i>It is recommended that new free range farms are not located within 3km of a commercial hatchery or poultry slaughterhouse, or immediately adjacent to an existing free range farm</i>			
Bl.t	<i>It is recommended that each free range farm should only rear a single species at any given time</i>			
ANIMAL MEDICINES AND HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES				
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.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.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	Total antibiotic used per crop must be measured as milligrammes active antibiotic per population correction unit (mg/PCU) and recorded			
AM.f.2	Prophylactic administration of antibiotics is not permitted			
AM.f.3	Antibiotic usage must be supported by veterinary intervention			



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AM.f.4	The use of 3 rd and 4 th generation cephalosporins, glycopeptides and colistin are not permitted			
AM.f.5	The use of macrolides and fluoroquinolones are permitted only in exceptional circumstances and only under specific direction of the supervising vet and written agreement from a company director of the company purchasing the birds			
AM.g	Birds being treated must be clearly identified and prescribed withdrawal periods complied with			
AM.h	Mutilations are not permitted			
FALLEN STOCK				
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			
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			
DEPOPULATION				
DE.e	The person responsible for the 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.j	Feed must not be withdrawn for more than nine hours prior to catching			
DE.k	Water must be available up to catching			
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			



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DE.y	Clean and tidy facilities must be made available for catchers to use during breaks.			
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