General licence for the movement of mammals within, into or out of a Protection Zone and from or to premises in a Surveillance Zone where poultry or other captive birds are kept (EXD247(HPAI)(S)).

This licence permits, subject to compliance with relevant law and the conditions set out in this licence the movement of mammals within, into or out of a Protection Zone and from or to premises in a Surveillance Zone where poultry or other captive birds are kept.

This licence is valid from **10am** on **12 December 2022** and revokes and replaces EXD247 (HPAI) (S) which came into force from 16:00 hours on 09 November 2021.

This licence has been issued by the Scottish Government applies to

Scotland.

Signed:

David Harris Veterinary Inspector

Date: 12 December 2022 Time: 10am

Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State, Scottish Ministers and Welsh Ministers.

If the activity that you wish to undertake is not covered by this licence, or if you are unable to comply with any of the terms and conditions which apply to the use of this licence, then you will need to apply for a <u>specific licence</u>.

Legislation

This licence is made under the powers contained in the Animal Health Act 1981 (as amended) and "the Order" which means:

 Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006 (as amended)

This general licence is issued in accordance with:

 paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 and paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 of the Order.

Conditions of the licence

- 1. The movement of mammals permitted by this licence shall be directly to the premises of destination. Interim stops are permitted to allow movements off Scottish islands on to the mainland, so long as these sites do not contain poultry.
- 2. Before entering or leaving the premises where the animals are loaded the licensee must make sure that:
- the bedding used for transportation must be fresh, clean, free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter, and not have come into contact with captive birds or poultry
- the exterior of the vehicle must be free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal faeces, excretions or any other similar matter
- the vehicle's wheels, wheel arches and mud flaps must be cleansed and disinfected after loading and before leaving the premises. The cleansing and disinfection must take place at a point beyond which no contamination with poultry feathers, faeces, litter, egg shell or any similar matter can take place
- 3. After unloading at the premises of destination the licensee must ensure that:
- the parts of the vehicle and any equipment used to transport anything which might be contaminated with mud, slurry, poultry faeces, excretions, feathers or any other similar matter must be cleansed and disinfected on site

- the vehicle's wheels and wheel arches must be cleansed and disinfected after unloading and before leaving the destination premises
- 4. All persons who seek to rely on this general licence must:
- not enter or leave premises wearing clothing or footwear which is visibly soiled with mud, poultry faeces or any similar matter
- wear disposal clothing or cleanse and disinfect any clothing, and footwear, before entering or leaving a premises and
- take all other reasonable precautions to avoid the transfer of contamination between premises
- 5. Mammals sought to be moved under this licence must not have had any direct contact with poultry, or areas where poultry have access to, within the four days preceding movement under this licence.
- 6. Cleansing and disinfection must be carried out in accordance with article 65 of the Order.

Explanatory notes

- 1. "The Order" means the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006 (as amended).
- 2. A record of the movement as required by article 73 of the Order must also be made as soon as is reasonably practicable after the movement and must be retained for at least 6 weeks after the movement is completed.
- 3. When moving anything under the authority of this licence, a person must carry with him a consignment note. The consignment note must include -
 - (a) what is moved, including its quantity,
 - (b) the date of the movement,
 - (c) the name of the consignor,
 - (d) the address of the premises from which the movement started,
 - (e) the name of the consignee, and
 - (f) the address of the premises of destination.

- 4. A person moving anything under the authority of this licence must, if asked to do so by an inspector, or other officer of the Scottish Ministers, give their name and address, produce the consignment note and allow copies or an extract to be taken.
- 5. The licence does not apply to the movement of non-livestock pet mammals which:
- only have access to that part of the premises where people live
- have no contact with poultry or other captive birds on the premises and have no access to any cages or areas on the premises where poultry or other captive birds are kept
- 6. If you suspect notifiable disease you must report this immediately to your nearest APHA office.
- 7. Contact APHA or your Local Authority for further advice on biosecurity measures and any other legislation that may apply.

Failure to observe the measures required in this licence is an offence under Section 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981. The penalty on conviction of an offence under this section is a maximum of six months imprisonment or a fine not exceeding Level 5 on the standard scale or both.

Contact us

If you have any queries regarding this general licence, <u>please contact</u> the Animal and Plant Health Agency.

Please include your name, full address and telephone number so we can ensure your enquiry is routed to the correct area expert.