



Trader Notice No. 04/2021

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RE: Biosecurity Measures to reduce the spread of Avian Influenza (AI) in Ireland

To: Manufacturers of compound feed for sale
Hauliers of feed
Irish Grain and Feed Association

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has confirmed that test results have identified evidence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N1) in samples from a turkey flock in Co. Monaghan. As a consequence, restriction zones (which comprise the 3km protected zone and the 10km surveillance zone – please see attached map) have been set up around the area where additional movement control and surveillance measures are in place.

We wish to clarify that unlike slaughterplants, hatcheries, and egg packing centres, feed mills **do not have to be designated or authorised** specifically for deliveries within the restriction zones. For deliveries of poultry feed, the onus is on the flock owner to ensure that vehicles are disinfected before being allowed onto the premises and before exiting the premises using an approved disinfectant for avian influenza. This latter requirement is a legal requirement and is outlined in the new Statutory Instrument, SI Avian Influenza (Temporary Measures) Regulations 2021, which establishes the restricted zones, copy attached.

Although no licence is required for the delivery of animal feed, either by the farmer or the feed mill, we wish to highlight that feed mills have a very important role in preventing the spread of this highly contagious virus, HPAI, and best practice in biosecurity should be practised. **In this regard, we would strongly recommend that feed mills supplying animal feed into the restricted zones put in place cleaning and disinfectant facilities at the entrance and exit of the mill for all vehicles entering and exiting.** In addition, staff (particularly vehicle drivers) that have poultry at home should also be advised to exercise care and not come into contact with birds.

Please also note that the requirement for a licence for animal feed movements will be subject to review and is dependent on compliance with good biosecurity recommendations.

The following points are recommended where poultry feed is being delivered to farms within the restriction zones or where beef/dairy/sheep rations are being delivered to farms within the restriction zones that also have a poultry flock on site:

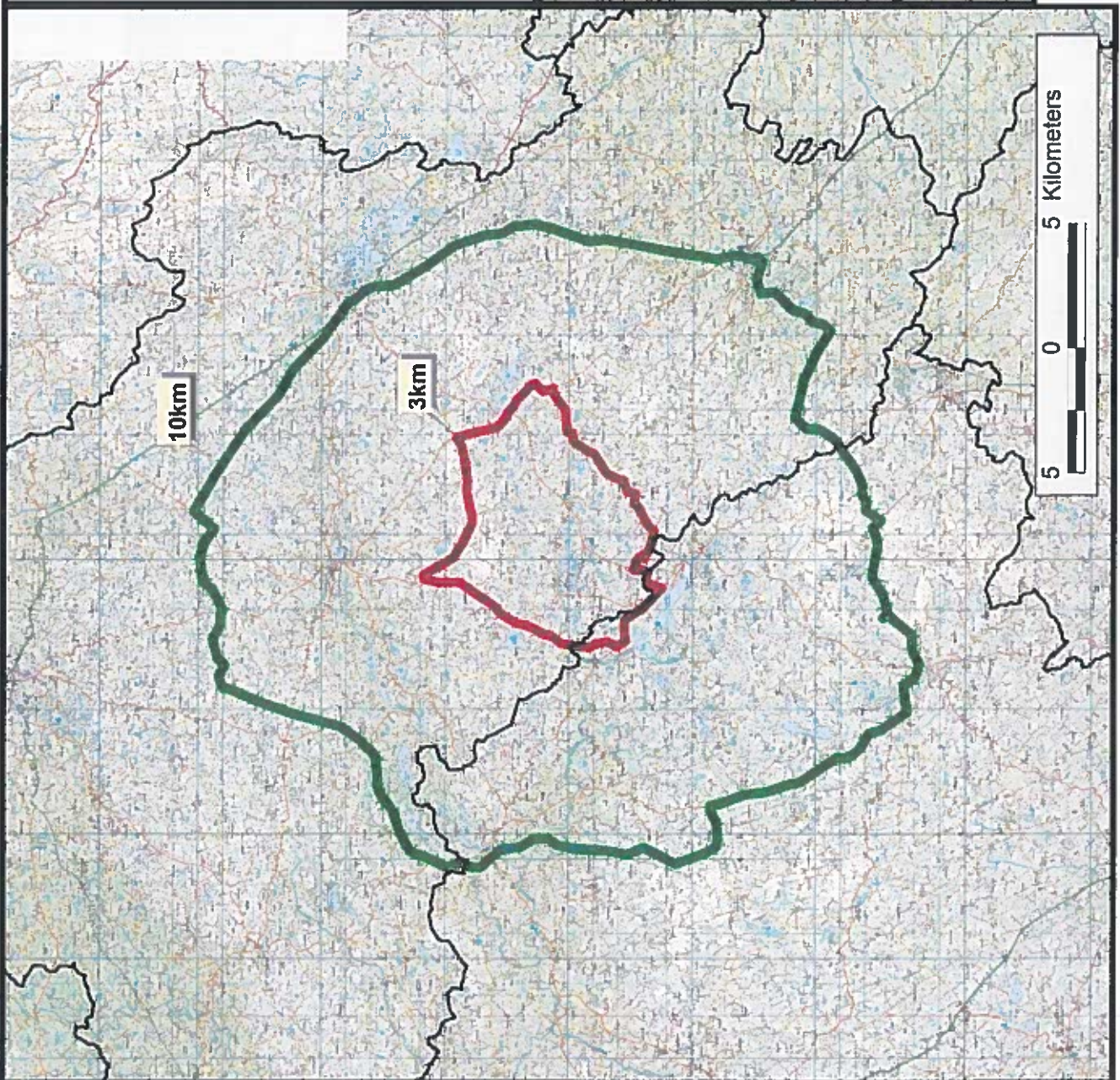
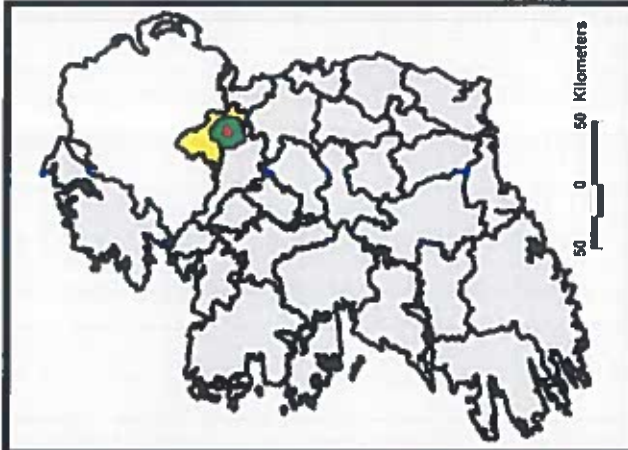
- Contact the flock owners within the restricted zones (comprising the 3 km protected zone and the 10 km surveillance zone) prior to delivery (24 hours in advance if possible) to remind them of the requirement to have cleaning and disinfection facilities available

- If there are farm entrances within the restricted zones with no cleaning and disinfection facilities, the feed delivery should not take place and the Cavan/Monaghan RVO should be contacted immediately to report the non-compliance (Tel: 049 4368200).
- Use a single dedicated vehicle for all deliveries in the restricted zones (the restricted zone comprises the surveillance zone and protected zone together) if possible
- If feed mills have a large number of poultry customers within the restricted zones, then a number of dedicated vehicles can be used for delivering within the zones
- Plan delivery routes within the restricted zone as follows: start in the surveillance zone (the 10 km restricted area) and finish in the protection zone (3 km restricted area), i.e. move from low risk to high risk
- Deliveries should be directly to and from the restricted zone. Do not deliver to holdings outside of the restricted zones on the same run
- Drivers should not come into contact with poultry or enter poultry houses on farms
- Disposable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be worn by the driver while on farms during feed deliveries. PPE should include disposable overalls, overshoes and gloves
- The driver should remove all disposable PPE and leave it on the farm before getting back in the cab
- The driver should then also wash their hands or use a hand sterilizer before getting into the cab
- The driver should disinfect their footwear in addition to the vehicle at the farm entrance/exit before departure
- Ensure that wheels, wheel arches and the under body of the vehicle are disinfected prior to leaving the premises in the restriction zone
- The exterior, interior and cab of the vehicle should be washed and disinfected on return to the feed depot from the restricted zone
- Use an approved disinfectant according to the manufacturer's recommendations. A list of approved disinfectants can be found in on gov.ie - Disinfectants (www.gov.ie)
- A backup means of disinfecting should be carried on the vehicle in the event of encountering substandard facilities for disinfection on the farm e.g. carry a knapsack sprayer, disinfectant wipes for the cab

The attached guidance on disinfection may be useful.

If you have any concerns in relation to this notice or there is uncertainty about whether a farm is located within the restriction zones or not, please email feedenquiries@agriculture.gov.ie

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Procedure for Carrying out Cleaning and Disinfection of Vehicles

Cleaning the trailer

1. Wear clean waterproof clothing
2. Park the vehicle on a concrete area
3. Make sure that you do not contaminate other vehicles/equipment nearby
4. Start on the outside and then do the inside
5. Start at the top of the vehicle and work down
6. Scrape and brush the side walls, partitions, floor and tail lift
7. Remove dirt from the wheels, wheel arches, mudguards and exposed chassis
8. Use **detergent** to clean all surfaces using a low pressure hose
9. Include the equipment, tools and belly box
10. Leave detergent on for 10 minutes contact time
11. Rinse all surfaces with clean water using a high pressure hose

Disinfecting the trailer

1. Wear protective face-mask and gauntlets
2. Apply **approved disinfectant** to all surfaces of the vehicle, at the specified dilution rate.
3. Start on the outside and then do the inside
4. Start at the top of the vehicle and work down
5. Pay particular attention to the wheels, wheel arches and mudguards
6. Disinfect the equipment, tools and belly box.

Disinfecting the cab

1. Remove all removable items e.g. mats, boots

2. Brush any dirt into a bucket/dustpan
3. Dispose of this safely into a refuse sack
4. After 10 minutes contact time, use a clean cloth soaked in approved disinfectant to wipe the cab floor, mats and foot pedals

Disinfecting the wash area and equipment

1. Park the vehicle on a slope to drain and dry
2. After the vehicle has been removed, clean and disinfect the wash area
3. Disinfect cleaning equipment and waterproof clothing

A list of approved disinfectants can be found on the Department of Agriculture website www.gov.ie/en/collection/e1453-disinfectants/

Avian Influenza (Temporary Measures) Regulations 2021

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 36 of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 (No. 15 of 2013) and for the purpose of giving full effect to Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/ 687 of 17 December 2019¹ in so far as that Regulation applies to avian influenza, make the following regulations:

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Avian Influenza (Temporary Measures) Regulations 2021.
(2) In these Regulations "EU Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019.
(3) A word or expression that is used in the EU Regulation and that is also used in these Regulations has, in these Regulations unless the contrary intention appears, the same meaning as in the EU Regulation.
2. These Regulations, other than Regulations 4 (2) and (3), apply in that part of the State more particularly described in Part 1 of the Schedule. ("surveillance zone") and Part 2 of the Schedule ("protection zone").
3. Land or premises--
 - (a) that lies partly within the protection zone and partly within the surveillance is deemed to lie wholly within the protection zone, and
 - (b) subject to paragraph (a), that lies partly within the surveillance zone and partly outside the surveillance zone is deemed to lie wholly within the surveillance zone.
4. (1) A person shall not move, or cause or permit another person to move, poultry, other captive birds, eggs, carcasses, poultry litter or poultry manure from the land or premises where they are situated except in accordance with a licence issued by an authorised officer.
(2) A person shall not have poultry, other captive birds, eggs, carcasses, poultry litter or poultry manure that has been moved in contravention of paragraph (1) in his or her possession or under his or her control.
(3) A person shall not spread, or cause or permit another person to spread, poultry litter or manure on land except in accordance with a licence issued by an authorised officer.
5. A person who has poultry or other captive birds in his or her possession or under his or her control or otherwise has knowledge of such poultry or other captive birds shall immediately notify an authorised officer at the Regional Veterinary Office of the Department of

¹ O.J., L 174 of 3.6.2020, 64; http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj

Agriculture, Food and the Marine within whose functional area the poultry or other captive birds situate of any increased levels of avian influenza, deaths of poultry or other captive birds, or significant production drop among poultry or captive birds.

6. (1) A person shall not move, or cause or permit another person to move, a farm animal, other than poultry or other captive birds, from land or premises where poultry or other captive birds are present or cause or permit such an animal to be on other land or premises except in accordance with a licence issued by an authorised officer.

(2) A person shall not cause or permit a farm animal, including poultry or other captive birds, to be brought onto land or premises where poultry or other captive birds are present or cause or permit such an animal to be on the land or premises except in accordance with a licence issued by an authorised officer.
7. A person shall not release poultry or other captive birds from the land or premises where they are kept or cause or permit such birds to be released or stray from that land or premises.
8. A person shall not move poultry meat from land or premises used by a food business operator (within the meaning of the European Communities (Food and Feed Hygiene) Regulations 2020) as a slaughterhouse, cutting plant or cold store unless the poultry meat –
 - (a) comes from land or premises that is situate outside the surveillance zone or the protection zone,
 - (b) is stored and or transported separately from poultry meat that comes from premises situate within the surveillance zone or the protection zone, and
 - (c) is transported directly to a place situate outside the surveillance zone and the protection zone.
9. (1) An application for a licence under these Regulations shall be in a form, contain such particulars and be made in a manner that an authorized officer may determine.

(2) An authorized officer may grant a licence, attach conditions to a licence, vary a condition, insert a new condition, withdraw a licence, or refuse an application.

(3) A person shall not carry out an activity to which a licence under these Regulations
10. (1) A person shall not bring a vehicle onto land or premises where poultry or other captive birds are present unless the vehicle has been cleaned and disinfected in a manner that kills the avian influenza virus –
 - (a) prior to coming onto the land or premises, and

- (b) after it has been on other land or premises where poultry or other captive birds are present or being in contact with poultry, other captive birds, eggs, carcasses, poultry litter or poultry manure.
- (2) A person shall not have a vehicle that has been brought onto land or premises in contravention of paragraph (1) in his or her possession or under his or her control.
11. A vehicle, machinery or equipment used in connection with poultry or other captive birds or that have been in contact with poultry or other captive birds must be cleaned and disinfected before and immediately after use or contact in a manner that kills the avian influenza virus in accordance with the instructions (if any) of an authorised officer.
12. A person who has poultry or other captive birds in his or her possession or under his or her control shall take all necessary measures to ensure that all animal carcasses are disposed of as soon as possible in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009².
13. All parts of a vehicle that enters or leaves land or premises situate within the protection zone where poultry or other captive birds are present shall be cleaned and disinfected in a manner that kills the avian influenza virus in accordance with the instructions (if any) of an authorised officer.
14. (1) The person in possession or control of land or premises situate within the protection zone where poultry or other captive birds are present shall record all persons who enter the land or premises and make the record available upon request to an authorised officer.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to persons normally resident there who enter a dwelling on the land or premises without having contact with poultry or other captive birds, or to a zoo or wildlife park.
15. Regulations 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are penal provisions to which section 36 (4) (b) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 applies.

² O.J. L 200 of 14.11.2009, 1; <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1069/oj>

Schedule³

Part 1

Surveillance Zone

Regulation 2

That part of the Counties of Cavan and Monaghan that lies within the outer margin of an imaginary line drawn from the junction of the roads known as the R188-8 and L2033-0 at Cootehill, continuing along the drawn in a along the road known as the L2033-0, L2029-0, the L2030-0, the L6138-0, the R191-3, the R191-2, the R165-5, the R165-4, the R165-3, the L7556-0, the L7557-0, the L08920-0, the L04902-0, the L04901-0, the L04900-0, the R179-2, the R179-3 and R-179-4, the R179-5 in a northerly direction from Carrickmacross, the N2 Motorway until the exit for Castleblaney and continuing through Castleblaney on the Old Dublin Road, the R183, the L03419-0, the L-03411-0, the L03420-0, L03421-0, the R184-2, the L07311-0, the L07310-0, the L06501-0, the L06511-0, L06510-0, the L06600-0, the R-188-7 and continuing on the R188-8 to the junction of that road with the L2033-0 at Cootehill.

Part 2

Protection Zone

Regulation 2

That part of the County of Monaghan that lies within the outer margin of an imaginary line drawn from the junction of the roads known as the R-162-10 and the L-03101-0 in the townland of Creeve, continuing along the R-162-10 and L07040-0 to the boundary with county Cavan at Vicar Bridge and, from there continuing along the county boundary with County Cavan, in an easterly direction, to the junction of the R181 and the L04023-0 at Loughaphortan, and then continuing along the L04023-0, the L04013-0, the L04012, the L04011, the L04010, the R180-3, the L0410, the L03131-0 to the junction of that road and the R162-10 in the townland of Creeve.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of
the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
20 November 2021



June Fanning

An officer authorised to authenticate the Official Seal of the
Minister

³ For illustrative purposes only, a map indicating both zones is available on the website of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.