



Trader Notice No. 06 of 2023

18 April 2023

To: Free Range Poultrymeat Producers
Free Range Poultrymeat Processors
Bord Bia
Teagasc Poultry Advisor
Irish Farmers Association

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) Information Notice on the Marketing of Free Range Poultrymeat, after the Avian Influenza Precautionary Confinement of Birds (Housing Order) is lifted on 18 April 2023.

- This notice is to clarify the requirements for the labelling of “Free Range Poultrymeat” from the 18 April 2023, when the requirement to confine/house poultry and other birds as a precautionary measure against avian influenza will be lifted.
- Poultrymeat processed from 18 April 2023 from birds reared in Free Range systems, where flocks are allowed access to the range, can now be labelled as “Free Range”.
- Poultrymeat processed up to and including 17 April, that have previously been housed for 12 weeks or more cannot be labelled as “Free Range” as explained in Trader Notice No 3 of 2023.

<https://assets.gov.ie/247673/d1c1684a-1097-41c8-b9f0-b871a2411c1b.pdf>

Notes:

- Avian Influenza (Biosecurity measures) Regulation 2022 remains in force.
- All flock owners are legally required to maintain best practice biosecurity measures.
- All flock owners intending to allow birds to have outdoor access from 18 April 2023, must take action now to ensure areas conform to best biosecurity practices.
- Farmers are urged to remain vigilant and maintain strict biosecurity.

More on Avian Influenza at www.gov.ie/birdflu

Further Information: If you require any further information, please email:

feedenquiries@agriculture.gov.ie or phone 01- 5058884.

Feedingstuffs, Fertilisers, Grain and Poultry Division.
Dept of Agriculture, Food & the Marine,
Backweston Campus,
Celbridge,
Co Kildare.