

SCHEDULE 5

Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of conventionally reared meat chickens

Light

7.—(1) All houses shall have lighting with an intensity of at least 20 lux during the lighting periods, measured at bird eye level and which illuminates at least 80% of the useable area.

(2) A temporary reduction from that lighting level is permitted where necessary following veterinary advice.

(3) Within 7 days from the time when the chickens are placed in the house and until 3 days before the foreseen time of slaughter, the lighting shall follow a 24-hour rhythm and include periods of darkness lasting at least 6 hours in total, with at least one uninterrupted period of darkness of at least 4 hours, excluding dimming periods.