
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1078

Diseases of Poultry (England) Order 2003

Restrictions where birds are suspected of having been exposed to the risk of a designated or other disease

7.—(1) If a veterinary inspector suspects that poultry on any premises may have been exposed to the risk of a designated disease, he shall serve a notice on the occupier or person in charge of the premises in accordance with this article.

(2) A veterinary inspector may serve a notice on the occupier or person in charge of any premises in accordance with this article—

- (a) if he suspects that poultry on those premises may have been exposed to the risk of any other disease, or
- (b) if he suspects that any bird on those premises may have been exposed to the risk of any disease (including a designated disease).

(3) In this article, exposure to the risk of a designated disease or to another disease means exposure, either directly or indirectly, as a result of the movement of persons, animals or vehicles or in any other way.

(4) On service of a notice under this article, a veterinary inspector may enter premises which are the subject of such notice and may—

- (a) take such measures as he considers necessary to establish whether there are reasonable grounds for suspicion of disease, including inspecting records, carrying out inquiries, examinations and tests and taking samples (including live birds and carcasses); and
- (b) count the birds and monitor their movements.

(5) On service of a notice under this article, no person shall move any bird or any thing liable to transmit disease from the premises except under the authority of a licence granted by a veterinary inspector.

(6) A veterinary inspector may limit the measures provided for in this article to a part of the premises and to the birds contained there, provided that the birds there have been housed, kept and fed completely separately by separate staff.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Diseases of Poultry (England) Order 2003, Section 7.