
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian
Origin in Mammals (England) (No.2) Order 2006

PART 7

Measures to reduce the risk of the spread of
influenza viruses of avian origin to other species

Tests on animals at premises where avian influenza is confirmed

58.—(1) The Secretary of State must ensure that any pigs kept on premises where avian influenza is confirmed are tested for infection with influenza virus of avian origin.

(2) The Secretary of State may, if he thinks it necessary to prevent the spread of avian influenza or influenza of avian origin, require such tests to be carried out on other mammals kept on the premises.

Killing of mammals

59. The Secretary of State must ensure that mammals to be killed under section 32 of the Act because they are affected or suspected of being affected with influenza virus of avian origin or have been exposed to such disease are—

- (a) slaughtered as soon as possible, in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions; and
- (b) transported in accordance with a veterinary inspector's instructions (if they are moved off the premises for slaughter).

Movements off the premises

60.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall move any mammal tested under article 58 off the premises until a veterinary inspector has confirmed that the mammal is not infective and licenses the movement.

(2) A veterinary inspector may license the movement of pigs and other mammals in which infection with influenza virus of avian origin is confirmed to other premises (including slaughterhouses) if he is satisfied (as a result of further tests on the animals) that the movement will not significantly increase the risk of the spread of avian influenza.

Other measures to control the spread of virus in mammals

61.—(1) If he considers it necessary to monitor or control the spread of avian influenza or influenza of avian origin in mammals, the Secretary of State may—

- (a) do any of the following, after serving notice on the occupier of the premises—
 - (i) test pigs and other mammals on contact premises for influenza virus of avian origin;

- (ii) prohibit the movement of mammals or categories of mammals off contact premises unless it is licensed by a veterinary inspector;
 - (iii) carry out surveillance or require surveillance to be carried out at any premises where mammals are kept; and
 - (b) impose such measures additional to those set out in articles 58, 60 and 61(1) as he considers necessary, by declaration of an avian influenza (restrictions on mammals) zone or by notice to the occupier of any premises.
- (2) Premises are contact premises for the purposes of this Part if, in the view of the Secretary of State, they are premises—
- (a) to which influenza virus of avian origin may have been carried from premises where the virus has been confirmed; or
 - (b) from which the virus may have been carried to premises where the virus has been confirmed.