

[^{F1}SCHEDULE 3C

ENHANCED CAGE SYSTEMS

Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 3C inserted (6.8.2002) by The Welfare of Farmed Animals (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/1898), regs. 1(2), 2(8), **Sch.**

1. All cage systems for rearing laying hens shall comply with the requirements of this Schedule with effect from 1 January 2012.
2. All cage systems built or brought into service for the purpose of rearing laying hens on or after 1st January 2003 shall comply with the requirements of this Schedule.
3. Laying hens must have—
 - (a) at least 750 cm² of cage area per hen, 600 cm² of which must be usable; the height of the cage other than that above the usable area shall be at least 20 cm at every point and no cage shall have a total area that is less than 2000 cm²;
 - (b) a nest;
 - (c) litter such that pecking and scratching are possible;
 - (d) appropriate perches allowing at least 15 cm per hen.
4. A feed trough which may be used without restriction must be provided. Its length must be at least 12 cm multiplied by the number of hens in the cage.
5. Each cage must have a drinking system appropriate to the size of the group; where nipple drinkers are provided, at least two nipple drinkers or two cups must be within the reach of each hen.
6. To facilitate inspection, installation and depopulation of hens there must be a minimum aisle width of 90 cm between tiers of cages and a space of at least 35 cm must be allowed between the floor of the building and the bottom tier of cages.
7. Cages must be fitted with suitable claw-shortening devices.]

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare of Farmed Animals (Wales) Regulations 2001, SCHEDULE 3C.