



BRITISH GAME ALLIANCE GAMEBIRD PRODUCER ASSURANCE

HATCHING SCHEME STANDARDS

Pre-Assessment Checklist

The checklist will help prepare for the assessment visit. It is not an exclusive list and should be used in conjunction with the Standards Manual.

The purpose of this guidance is to allow the member to prepare in advance of the assessment – to have information and records available for the assessor and to understand what the assessor may want to see. This will enable the assessor to quickly access the information he/she requires and will enable them to complete the audit more constructively reducing the time impact on your shoot.

Depending on the type of game farm, not all the standards will be applicable. These will be recorded as 'non-applicable' by the assessor, and no further action will be required.

Planning & Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Plan – details of housing • Emergency Action Plan – detailing procedures in the event of emergency • Environmental management – management of waste/appearance • Assurance status or eggs/chicks/birds from bought in laying birds
Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction/supervision program for new staff • Records of staff training – staff fully trained for their roles
Origin of Stock
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of source of eggs • Biosecurity measures in place for custom hatching
Predator & Pest Control
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predator & Pest control plan in place – management of site to discourage vermin
Incubation & Hatching
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatchery to be separate from rearing facilities/ All operations to be kept separate • Equipment clean & maintained – records to show correct operation • Eggs collected at least daily • Equipment monitored when in use – records of checks • Staff & visitors to wear PPE
Chick Management – Hatching – 48 hrs old
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling kept to a minimum • Housing well constructed/sufficient access to feed and water • Clean dry litter available – birds able to keep clean • Adequate lighting to allow normal behaviour/adequate inspection. • Adequate ventilation – thermally comfortable/no build-up of foul air/high humidity
Bird Health & Welfare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with BGA Registered Vet/Vet Practice • Named person responsible for bird welfare • Minimum 2x daily inspection of birds • Sick/injured birds receive immediate attention • Flock health plan drawn up by the vet/Biosecurity plan drawn up by vet/Performance records kept • PPE provided for all staff/visitors/Foot dips and hand sanitisers/hand washing facilities at entrance to buildings – must be used
Medicines & Vaccines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only used when prescribed by vet • Antibiotics must not be used prophylactically • Justification for use of HP-CIAs • Staff trained and competent to administer medicines • Medicines stored securely • Prescriptions, purchase, administration & disposal records kept

On Farm Casualty Killing/Slaughter (Culling)

- Only carried out by trained and competent person
- Casualty slaughter carried out without delay
- Only permitted methods allowed
- Disposal only by route detailed in BGA standards

Transport of Birds

- Containers must allow adequate ventilation/air circulation/Containers must be appropriate for size/number of birds
- Monitoring system during transport – including means of alerting driver to changes of environment/temperature during the journey
- Contingency plans in place in case of fail of vehicle/equipment
- Max journey time for adult birds – 12 hrs; chicks < 72 hrs – 24hrs
- Drivers hold relevant Certificate of Competence for transport of game birds
- Type 1 or Type 2 authorisation held as necessary.