



## BRITISH GAME ALLIANCE GAMEBIRD PRODUCER ASSURANCE REARER SCHEME STANDARDS

The BGA will regulate the following standards through our auditing partners.

The details below are not exclusive and reference should be made to the full Rearing Standards manual.

<b>Planning &amp; Documents</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard copy/electronic standards available to all staff</li> <li>• Site Plan – details of housing</li> <li>• Emergency Action Plan – detailing procedures in the event of emergency</li> <li>• Key points detailed on sign/board available for all</li> <li>• Automated System malfunction/alert alarm in the event of equipment fail/malfunction</li> <li>• Complaints record</li> <li>• Environmental management – management of waste/appearance</li> <li>• Assurance status of birds at sale</li> </ul>
<b>Staff</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Induction/supervision program for new staff</li> <li>• Records of staff training – staff fully trained for their roles</li> <li>• Performance review of staff</li> <li>• Training &amp; documents delivered in all languages where English is not first language</li> </ul>
<b>Origin of Stock</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records of source of birds</li> <li>• Sourcing of birds comply with Mycoplasma Working Group Recommendations</li> <li>• Isolation facilities for birds caught up from the wild</li> </ul>
<b>Predator &amp; Pest Control</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predator &amp; Pest control plan in place – management of site to discourage vermin</li> <li>• Adhere to the CRRU code if baits are used</li> <li>• Staff using bait trained and competent</li> </ul>
<b>Housing</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing sound construction/in good repair</li> <li>• Adequate to protect birds from extremes of weather</li> <li>• Sited away from poultry/other livestock</li> <li>• Designed to minimise risk of aggressive behaviours</li> <li>• Birds have access to environmental enrichments</li> <li>• Dry/clean litter – birds able to keep clean</li> <li>• Stocking rates as detailed in the standards</li> <li>• Adequate perching for pheasants</li> <li>• Adequate lighting natural and artificial to allow normal behaviour, rest and effective inspection – allows for dark period</li> <li>• Adequate ventilation</li> <li>• Gas heating equipment regularly serviced</li> <li>• Automated equipment regularly checked</li> <li>• Cleaning and disinfection between batches</li> </ul>
<b>Feed &amp; Water</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diet suitable for species and age</li> <li>• Sufficient access to feed as detailed in standards</li> <li>• Provision of insoluble grit if not included in feed</li> <li>• Records (delivery notes) of all feed purchases</li> <li>• All feed from assured sources</li> <li>• Feed clearly labelled in store/stored to minimise risk of contamination</li> <li>• Adequate access to water detailed in standards</li> <li>• Water must be potable – private supply tested &amp; meet requirements as detailed in standards</li> <li>• System in place to supply water if primary supply fails</li> </ul>
<b>Bird Health &amp; Welfare</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration with BGA Registered Vet/Vet Practice</li> </ul>

- 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
- Performance records kept
- Biosecurity plan drawn up by vet
- PPE provided for all staff/visitors

#### **Management Devices**

- Circumstances for use detailed in Flock Health Plan
- Outbreaks of vice in birds recorded as detailed in standards.
- Staff trained and competent for fitting/removal of management devices
- Written permission from vet for use of 'bumpa bits'
- Trimming of outer primary feathers only – trimming other feathers is mutilation

#### **Medicines & Vaccines**

- 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
- Type1 or Type 2 authorisation held as necessary.