



## BRITISH GAME ALLIANCE GAMEBIRD PRODUCER ASSURANCE

### REARER 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.

<b>Planning &amp; Documents</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Plan – details of housing</li> <li>• Emergency Action Plan – detailing procedures in the event of emergency</li> <li>• Environmental management – management of waste/appearance</li> <li>• Assurance status or eggs/chicks/birds from bought in laying birds</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> </ul>
<b>Origin of Stock</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records of source of birds</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> </ul>
<b>Housing</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing sound construction/in good repair/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/Gas heating equipment regularly serviced/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/Sufficient access to feed as detailed in standards</li> <li>• Records (delivery notes) of all feed purchases/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> <li>• Named person responsible for bird welfare</li> <li>• Minimum 2x daily inspection of birds/Sick/injured birds receive immediate attention</li> <li>• Flock health plan drawn up by the vet/ Biosecurity plan drawn up by vet</li> <li>• Performance records kept</li> <li>• PPE provided for all staff/visitors</li> </ul>
<b>Management Devices</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circumstances for use detailed in Flock Health Plan</li> <li>• Outbreaks of vice in birds recorded as detailed in standards.</li> <li>• Staff trained and competent for fitting/removal of management devices</li> <li>• Written permission from vet for use of 'bumpa bits'</li> <li>• Trimming of outer primary feathers only – trimming other feathers is mutilation</li> </ul>
<b>Medicines &amp; Vaccines</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only used when prescribed by vet/Antibiotics must not be used prophylactically/Justification for use of HP-CIAs</li> <li>• Staff trained and competent to administer medicines</li> </ul>

- 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