



# AIM TO SUSTAIN GAME FARMING STANDARDS

 Aim to Sustain  
**Game Assurance**

# Foreword

The Aim to Sustain Game Assurance Scheme allows game farms, game shoots and estates to demonstrate publicly that they operate to the highest standards. The standards laid out in this document cover ‘best practice’ across a broad spectrum of topics applicable to game management on game farms<sup>1</sup>.

These standards include assessment of animal health and welfare, food quality, environmental enhancement and protection, staff training and health and safety. Certified Game Assurance Scheme members will have produced evidence during a robust assessment process to show how they meet the standards that make up this scheme and earn their certified status. All members will comply with the general standards and at least one other module (rearing, hatching or breeding), depending upon the scope of the operation.

The scheme gives confidence to the public and consumers that where they see the Aim to Sustain assurance stamp, the game farm operates to the highest standards and produces high quality game birds, having been through the independent assessment process.

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<sup>1</sup> All references to game farms can apply to shoots producing their own game birds (laying, hatching and rearing).

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## General Standards

### Section 1 – Game farm procedures & operation

Game farms must comply with all legal obligations and must be maintained and operated in a manner that does not bring the game farm, shooting sector or the Aim to Sustain Game Assurance Scheme into disrepute. Game farms must abide by the Scheme rules as detailed in the Members' Handbook.

Referen	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
1.1	Game farms must demonstrate an understanding of the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Game Birds Reared for Sporting Purposes and the Aim to Sustain Game Assurance Scheme standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An up-to-date hard copy or electronic copy of the appropriate Game Rearing Code of Practice (England, Wales, Scotland) and the Aim to Sustain Game Assurance Scheme standards must be available to all involved in the game farming operation.</li> <li>England: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-practice-for-the-welfare-of-gamebirds-reared-for-sporting-purposes">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-practice-for-the-welfare-of-gamebirds-reared-for-sporting-purposes</a></li> <li>Scotland: <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/code-practice-welfare-gamebirds-reared-sporting-purposes/pages/3/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/code-practice-welfare-gamebirds-reared-sporting-purposes/pages/3/</a></li> <li>Wales: <a href="https://www.gov.wales/gamebirds-">https://www.gov.wales/gamebirds-</a></li> </ul>
1.2 R	A site map of the game farm must be in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site map details all areas covered by the game farm and includes (where applicable): buildings, housing, pens (with sizes), feed stores and water supply, water courses and ponds, access points, protected sites (SSSI, SPA, SAC, RAMSAR etc).</li> <li>Use of GPS/OS grids or What3Words to</li> </ul>
1.3 R T	The game farm key contact list and an emergency action plan must be in place and displayed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact list and emergency action plan is up to date understood and <u>accessible</u> to all those involved with the game farm.</li> <li>Contact list includes: Person with overall responsibility for bird welfare, vet, energy, feed and water suppliers, equipment engineers (ventilation, heating, water etc), Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Environment Agency/SEPA, and details of key trained/qualified persons if applicable.</li> <li>The emergency action plan must assess the critical risks for all farm operations band may include (but not be limited to) <u>actions</u> to be taken in the event of: equipment/systems failure, suspected disease outbreak (and associated bio-security measures and visitor records), activist activity, fire, staff accident or illness, extreme weather, absence of key trained person, transportation breakdown or delay.</li> </ul>

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Referen	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
1.4 R T	<p>A complaints procedure must be in place.</p> <p><b>This includes complaints made to the game farm regarding non-compliance with the relevant code of practice and Aim to Sustain Game Assurance Scheme standards.</b></p> <p><b>A declaration must be made to the Aim to Sustain Game Assurance Scheme of any prosecutions or convictions against the game farm or</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The complaints procedure includes recording the complaint, investigation, outcome/ resolution, lessons learnt to prevent the issue happening again.</li> <li>All prosecutions and convictions against Aim to Sustain Game Assurance Scheme members or their staff will be managed in accordance with the Scheme Rules, which can result in expulsion from the Scheme. If game farms are also members of the Game Farmers Association, this information will be shared with them.</li> </ul>
1.5 R	Game Farms must be registered on the UK poultry register (in line with the current legislation/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration details must be available.</li> <li><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms</a>.</li> </ul>
1.6 R T	Where applicable staff training must be provided to ensure they are competent and qualified to carry out the relevant tasks, and appropriate records must be kept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training records for all employed staff/ volunteers are available and include: name, details of training, date of training and training providers.</li> <li>Copies of certificates are held where applicable.</li> <li>Where staff/volunteers are trained to undertake specific tasks such as the use of</li> </ul>
1.7 R T	Health and safety policy in place and effectively communicated to those involved with the game farm activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health &amp; safety policy in place and is effectively communicated to all involved with the game farm activities e.g., staff/volunteers, visitors (for appropriate topics). <a href="#">Policy statement (hse.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>
1.8	First Aid kits & eye wash must be available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First aid kits and eye wash must be checked to ensure the contents are in date.</li> </ul>
1.9	The farm must have a named person who is responsible for bird welfare.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion with assessor and confirmed in Veterinary Health Plan (VHP)</li> </ul>

## Section 2 - Bio security

Game farms must be able to demonstrate that effective and robust systems are in place and if required, equipment and materials will be available to prevent the spread of a notifiable disease.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
2.1	Game farms must have a documented bio-security plan in place (which may be within the VHP (see standard 5.2)). The plan should be reviewed annually.	<p>The biosecurity plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedures for staff and visitors, including use of appropriate PPE</li> <li>• Procedures for incoming birds/eggs.</li> <li>• Procedures for cleaning/disinfection/fumigation of premises, equipment and vehicles.</li> <li>• Procedures for foot and vehicle dips.</li> <li>• Procedures for clean/dirty areas (staff and visitors).</li> <li>• Access to Defra approved disinfectants (with data sheets), appropriate PPE and cleaning equipment - for use on boots, clothing, vehicles, and facilities.</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/disease-prevention-for-livestock-farmers#biosecurity-measures">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/disease-prevention-for-livestock-farmers#biosecurity-measures</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Defra, UK – Disinfectants</a></li> </ul>

### Section 3 - Pest and predator control

Game farms must be able to demonstrate that systems are in place for the effective and responsible control of pests and predators.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
3.1 R T	Game farms must have a documented pest and predator control plan in place.	<p>The plan should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An annual site survey.</li> <li>• The types of predators and pests controlled on the site. Control measures in place, and reasons for the control being undertaken.</li> <li>• Current general licences used with the relevant justifications highlighted.</li> <li>• Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) Code of Best Practice <u>must</u> be followed <a href="http://www.thinkwildlife.org/crru-code">http://www.thinkwildlife.org/crru-code</a></li> <li>• A bait plan in place that identifies: bait used, location, date bait point inspected, date(s) bait replenished or removed, and procedures in place to ensure bait does not contaminate the environment.</li> </ul> <p>Systems and site management will discourage pests by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining the site in a clean and</li> </ul>

## Section 4 - Traceability of stock

Game farms must be able to demonstrate that all stock (birds/chicks/eggs) can be traced into and out of the farm to ensure disease control can be managed effectively.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
<p>4.1 <b>R</b> <b>T</b></p>	<p>Records must be kept for the source/sale of all birds/chicks/eggs in order they can be traced back to their origin should this prove necessary.</p>	<p>Purchase records must include as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source of the stock.</li> <li>• Number of birds.</li> <li>• Date of arrival.</li> </ul> <p>Records must be kept for 3 years.</p> <p>All movement of live birds off site must have an animal transport certificate (ATC).</p>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Other than day old chicks, birds from other sources should not be brought onto a rearing premises unless absolutely necessary, in which case suitable quarantine protocols should be agreed with your vet in the VHP.</p>	<p>Discuss process for stocking and links to hatching and breeding operations/suppliers</p>



## Section 5 - Health and welfare

Game farms must be able to demonstrate that good husbandry ensures the health and welfare of the game birds is being managed to the highest of standards.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
5.1	The game farm must be registered with a BVPA registered vet or vet practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation of Veterinary practice registration.</li> <li>For more information see <a href="https://www.bvpa.co.uk">https://www.bvpa.co.uk</a></li> </ul>
5.2 R	The game farm must have an active Veterinary Health Plan (VHP).	<p>The vet health plan must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produced in conjunction with and signed by the Farm's vet.</li> <li>reviewed annually.</li> <li>be site specific.</li> </ul> <p>The plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of performance results.</li> <li>a strategy for the prevention and control of disease.</li> <li>a review of antibiotic use (Including only minimal and specifically justified use of CIAs).</li> <li>an antibiotic reduction plan.</li> <li>action plans to address any vice issues in birds.</li> <li>records of any occurrence of vice in birds, reviews the cause, the number of birds affected, and actions taken to resolve the issue &amp; prevent further occurrences.</li> <li>the need for beak trimming and used of management devices.</li> <li>staff deemed competent for tasks related to health and welfare.</li> <li>permitted methods for euthanasia, and staff records for those trained and competent to carry out euthanasia.</li> <li>action plans to address any disease occurrence that would prevent to movement of birds to customers or release pens.</li> </ul>

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Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
5.3	Performance records must be kept	<p>They must show as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Origin of chicks/breeding stock on arrival.</li> <li>• Bird numbers.</li> <li>• Numbers dead on arrival.</li> <li>• Any abnormalities.</li> <li>• Mortality (and reason if known).</li> <li>• Birds euthanised (with reasons if known).</li> <li>• Any laboratory tests with results.</li> </ul>
5.4 R T	The health and welfare of all game birds must be checked regularly for signs of illness, injury, and stress by a competent person	<p>Discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequency of checks - Birds must be checked at least twice daily.</li> <li>• What's checked?</li> <li>• Actions taken if issues identified.</li> <li>• Feed &amp; watering routines.</li> <li>• Pen management.</li> <li>• Checks and findings records</li> </ul>
5.5	The use of management devices must be justified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use must not be routine and must be detailed in the VHP.</li> <li>• Staff using them must be competent - trained and deemed competent by the vet and detailed</li> </ul>
5.6	Sick or injured game birds must receive prompt attention with no unmanaged conditions.	<p>Discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions taken for sick and injured birds.</li> <li>• Appropriate treatments.</li> <li>• Vet involvement.</li> <li>• Euthanasia procedures, including</li> </ul>
5.7	The farm must be maintained in a manner that does not present a bird welfare or environmental protection risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm areas to be clean and tidy, with not accumulations of rubbish, scrap or redundant equipment. All disposal of waste must be</li> </ul>

## Section 6 - Veterinary medicines

Game farms must be able to demonstrate the responsible and competent use of veterinary medicines and treatments.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
6.1	Only authorised veterinary medicines are used (authorised for use by VMD).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POM-V products are prescribed by a vet.</li> <li>• POM-VPS products are prescribed by a vet, pharmacist, or Suitably Qualified Person (SQP)/Registered Animal Medicines Advisor (RAMA).</li> <li>• Prescriptions for medications (including medicated feed) must be</li> </ul>
6.2 R T	All medicines must be purchased from an approved source (VMD approved).	<p>Purchase records must be kept for 5 years and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of acquisition/delivery.</li> <li>• Name of the product.</li> <li>• Batch number(s) of the product.</li> <li>• Expiry date of the product.</li> <li>• Quantity purchased.</li> <li>• Name and address of the supplier.</li> </ul>
6.3 R T	Veterinary medicines must be used and administered correctly. ( <b><i>including in-feed, soluble medication and vaccines</i></b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where medicines are administered this is done so in accordance with the prescription and the manufacturer, or veterinary instructions.</li> <li>• Administered by a competent person. Confirmation of who is/are the competent person(s) (and record of training in training record (1.5)</li> </ul> <p>Administration records must be kept for 5 years and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity of medicine.</li> <li>• Date of administration.</li> <li>• Quantity administered.</li> <li>• Length of withdrawal period.</li> <li>• Identification of the birds/pen etc.</li> <li>• Batch number.</li> <li>• Number of animals treated.</li> <li>• Date treatment finished.</li> </ul>

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Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
6.4 R T	Medicines must be disposed of correctly. <b><i>(including in-feed, soluble medication and vaccines)</i></b>	<p>Medicines that have expired or been open and not used within the in-use shelf life must not be used and must be disposed of correctly.</p> <p>Disposal records must be kept for 5 years and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of disposal (removed from moor and disposed of).</li> <li>• Quantity of products disposed.</li> <li>• Name of product.</li> <li>• Batch number(s).</li> </ul>
6.5	All veterinary medicines must be stored appropriately <b><i>(including in-feed, soluble medication and vaccines)</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locked in a storage facility/room.</li> <li>• Manufacturer’s storage instructions followed.</li> <li>• If refrigeration is required and a domestic fridge is used, then medicine must be stored in a</li> </ul>
6.6	Use of HP-CIA antibiotics must only be used as a last resort, under veterinary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use is supported by a veterinary statement outlining the</li> </ul>

## Section 7 - Animal by-products

Game farms must be able to demonstrate that dead birds are managed to meet the legal requirement, to minimise the risk to the environment and limit the spread of disease.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
7.1 R T	Birds found dead or euthanised and hatchery waste must be removed and disposed of without delay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Game farms must be able to demonstrate how dead birds or hatchery wastes are handled correctly.</li> <li>• Provision of leak-proof storage prior to disposal.</li> <li>• Disposed of through a National Fallen Stock contractor or, registered animal by-product contractor. Or:</li> <li>• If burnt on site - in a DEFRA approved incinerator with APHA site approval (with appropriate approval documentation, servicing records, competent person record, legal ash disposal (licenced premises or EA/SEPA permit).</li> <li>• Records to be kept for 2 years.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/fallen-stock-and-other-animal-carcases-animal-by-products-disposal-guidance/pages/12.aspx">Fallen stock and other animal carcasses – Animal by-products: disposal guidance – gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</a></p>

## Rearing Standards

### Section 8 – Housing

Game farms must be able to demonstrate that the housing for their birds is appropriate for the age and species and enables the birds to grow in a healthy environment and display normal behaviours.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
8.1	Gamebirds must not be handled more than is necessary.	Discussion of procedures to minimise contact and stress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff must be trained by the competent named member of staff on site to handle birds</li> </ul>
8.2	All housing and penning must be of suitable layout, sound construction and maintained in good repair. Housing must be designed to protect all the birds in extremes of weather and allow birds to keep clean.	Discuss design and maintenance to show that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation and penning provides sufficient covered and outside space for all birds in all weathers.</li> <li>• Materials allow cleaning/ disinfecting.</li> <li>• No sharp edges and floors</li> </ul>
8.3	Birds must be stocked at a rate in accordance with best practice.	Discuss m <sup>2</sup> available and numbers of birds reared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pens must of sufficient size to allow birds to exhibit normal behaviour patterns.</li> <li>• The maximum stocking density of covered floor space must be 20kg/ m<sup>2</sup>- (Pheasants/partridges/ ducks).</li> <li>• Range stocking (total pen area for rearing birds) is recommended to</li> </ul>
8.4	Housing must have adequate lighting (natural or artificial) to reduce stress, allow normal behaviours, rest and effective inspection.	Discuss/demonstrate how housing is set-up and checked. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If artificial lighting is used:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ there must be a back-up lighting system in place</li> <li>○ there must have a dimming facility to allow birds to prepare for darkness.</li> <li>○ birds must have a minimum continuous night-time dark period of 6 hours in every 24 hours.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
8.5	Housing must be adequately ventilated	Discuss/demonstrate how it is set-up and checked. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checks must be made twice a day (see section 5)</li> <li>• There must be documented procedures in place to follow the</li> </ul>
8.6 R	Where heating is used it must be functioning correctly	Discuss any heating installations, operations and monitoring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It must be checked annually to ensure it is serviceable and a record of checks must be available.</li> </ul>
8.7 R T	All housing must be cleaned and disinfected between batches of birds.	Discuss cleaning and disinfection processes (the 3 Ds and protocols in VHP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning/disinfecting records must be kept.</li> <li>• Appropriate DEFRA approved</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>		

## Section 9 - Feed & Water

Game birds must be provided a nutritionally balanced diet appropriate for the age and species and always have access to clean fresh water.

Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
9.1	Game birds must have sufficient access to suitable feed appropriate to their age/stage of development.	Discuss/demonstrate how birds are fed. Detailed in VHP
9.2	When required, game birds must have access to a supply of appropriate grit.	Where natural grit is not available, insoluble grit must be provided. This can be included in the feed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There must be adequate quantities.</li> <li>• The grit must be of the correct size for the age and species of bird. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 3 weeks old – 0.2mm.</li> <li>• 6 – 11weeks old – 3.24mm – 4.75mm.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9.3 R	Game birds must have sufficient access to a supply of safe, fresh clean drinking water.	Discuss/demonstrate how birds are watered and how they have sufficient access, including procedures in the event of mains supply failure (see emergency plan). Detailed in VHP:  The water supply must be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided by a water company: a potable supply from the rising main.</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tested <u>private</u> supply: if private, it must be tested at least annually to determine the water is safe.</li> <li>• The test must clearly state the water is considered an acceptable source of drinking water for livestock: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coliforms must be &lt; 100 cfus per ml.</li> <li>○ TVC must must be &lt; 100 cfus</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9.4 R	Feed must be sourced or purchased from an assured source and records must be kept of all feed purchased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compound or blended feed – from UFAS or equivalent certification.</li> <li>• Grains from a UFAS, Red Tractor, SQC or equivalent assured source</li> </ul> Records to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of purchase/delivery</li> <li>• Supplier</li> <li>• Feed Type</li> <li>• Quantity</li> <li>• Load/batch</li> <li>• Records kept for 2 years for non-medicated feed and 5 years for</li> </ul>



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Referenc	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
9.5	Feed must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stored feed (bagged or bulk) to be labelled/identified.</li> <li>• Medicated and non-medicated bag or bulk feed is clearly identified and separated.</li> <li>• Feed stores, containers to be dry and weatherproof.</li> <li>• Feed protected against contamination from: other feed, other substances, machinery, microbiological (mould), domestic animals, wildlife, and pests.</li> <li>• No build-up of vegetation close to</li> </ul>

## Section 10 - Transport

Game farms must be able to demonstrate that the farm has systems and equipment are in place to ensure the safe transportation of all birds.

Reference	Standard	How will the game farm be measured
10.1 R T	Birds must only be moved in containers that appropriate for the size and number of birds. Containers must be clean, in good repair, well ventilated. There must be a procedure to provide protection from inclement weather if necessary.	Discussion of transportation processes and inspection of equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation in sacks is not permitted.</li> <li>• Overcrowding must be avoided.</li> <li>• Maintain a thermally comfortable environment.</li> <li>• A minimum of 160 cm<sup>2</sup> per bird (pheasants/partridge/ducks) of floor space (for reared/adult birds).</li> <li>• Must be secure to prevent birds from escaping.</li> <li>• Vehicles/containers must be thoroughly inspected, cleaned, disinfected (appropriate DEFRA</li> </ul>
10.2	Procedures/equipment must be in place to minimise the risk of heat stress when transporting birds.	Discussion of transportation processes and inspection of equipment. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased risk of smothering in hot weather.</li> <li>• Use of insulated barns to park a trailer during loading/unloading.</li> <li>• Use of fans systems.</li> </ul>
10.3	Birds ready for transport to release pens must be inspected before transport to ensure they are fit for release before being moved.	Discussion of transportation processes and records (see 4.1 – ATC): Topics include assessing if the gamebirds are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy.</li> <li>• Adapted and hardened off in respect of feather development/weather tolerance/diet/method of feeding.</li> <li>• Birds that are unfit at the time of loading must not be transported.</li> </ul>
10.4	Transport planning must meet the guidance for journey times, waiting etc. Contingency plans must be in place in the event of any failure of the vehicle and/or temperature	Discussion of transportation processes and emergency action plan

## Hatching Standards

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## Breeding Standards

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## Annex 1 - Record Keeping Requirements

Records must be available to the assessor at the time of the audit and can be kept in paper or electronic format.

Reference	Standard	Legal requiremen	Minimum time records to be kept	A to S Template
1.2	A site map of the game farm must be in place.	No	NA – up to date	No
1.3	The game farm key contact list and an emergency action plan must be in place and displayed.	No	NA – up to date	Yes
1.4	A complaints procedure must be in place.	No	NA – up to date	Yes
1.5	Game farms must be registered on the UK poultry register (in line with the current legislation/regulation).	Yes	NA – In date	No
1.6	Where applicable staff training must be provided to ensure they are competent and qualified to carry out the relevant tasks, and appropriate records must be kept.	Yes	2 years*	Yes
1.7	Health and safety policy in place and effectively communicated to those involved with the game farm	Yes	NA – up to date	Yes
3.1	Game farms must have a documented pest and predator	No	NA – up to date	Yes
4.1	Records must be kept for the source/sale of all birds/chicks/eggs in order they can be traced back to their origin should this prove	Yes	3 years* ATC for transport records	Yes
5.2	The game farm must have an active Veterinary Health Plan drawn up in conjunction with and signed by their vet.	No	Up to date – reviewed annually	No
5.5	The health and welfare of all game birds must be checked regularly for signs of illness, injury, and stress by a competent person	No	12 months	Yes
6.2	All medicines must be purchased from an approved source.	Yes	5 years*	Yes
6.3	Veterinary medicines must be used and administered correctly. <b><i>(including in-feed, soluble</i></b>	Yes	5 years*	Yes
6.4	Medicines must be disposed of correctly. <b><i>(including in-feed, soluble medication and vaccines)</i></b>	Yes	5 years*	Yes

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7.1	Birds found dead or euthanised must be removed and disposed of	Yes	2 years*	Yes
8.6	Where gas heating is used it must be functioning correctly	Yes	Last servicing records	No
8.7	All housing must be cleaned and disinfected between batches of	No	12 months	Yes
9.3	Game birds must have sufficient access to a supply of fresh clean drinking water.	Yes	Private supply testing (if applicable). 2	No
9.4	Feed must be sourced or purchased from an assured source and records must be kept of all feed purchased.	Yes	2 years non-medicated* 5 years for medicated feed*	No
10.1	Birds must only be moved in containers that appropriate for the size and number of birds. Containers must be clean, in good repair, well ventilated and offer protection from	No	Cleaning records – 12 months	Yes

\*Is the minimum legal requirement for time records must be kept.

## Annex 2 - Useful Links

- <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7970b0ed915d0422068716/pb13356-game-birds-100720.pdf> \_
- <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-11/gamebirds-reared-for-sporting-purposes-welfare-code-of-practice.pdf>
- <https://www.gov.scot/publications/code-practice-welfare-gamebirds-reared-sporting-purposes/documents/>
- [Policy statement \(hse.gov.uk\)](#)
- <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>.
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/disease-prevention-for-livestock-farmers#biosecurity-measures>
- [Defra, UK – Disinfectants](#)
- <http://www.thinkwildlife.org/crru-code>
- <https://www.bvpa.co.uk>
- [Fallen stock and other animal carcasses – Animal by-products: disposal guidance – gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)
- [Fallen stock and safe disposal of dead animals – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)