



Downloaded Red Tractor  
Standards Manual

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# Poultry Catching & Transport

**Key** – Those standards which have greater significance (all other standards are normal)


**Recommendation** – Those which do not affect certification


**New** – A completely new standard which the member must now adhere to

**Revised** – A standard that has changed and requires the member to take some different or additional action to before

**Upgraded** – The standard has been upgraded to a Key standard or from a Recommendation to a full standard

**Appendix** – this is referenced in the 'How you will be measured' column and indicates that additional information is provided in the Appendices.

 This icon indicates that a record is required.

 **Where to find help** – at the end of each section we have indicated where you can get extra guidance if you need it.



CC.DP.a

## Standards

Catchers must have a copy of the Red Tractor Assurance for Farms – Catching and Transport Standards available

### How you will be measured

- Up-to-date hard or electronic copy of the standards



CC.DP.c

## Standards

Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints received that are relevant to the requirements of the Catching and Transport Standards

### How you will be measured

- Complaints made by Local Authority, general public, customers (e.g. processing plant feedback) or other
- System includes recording the:
  - complaint
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- Complaints record



CC.DP.d

## Standards

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### How you will be measured

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CC.DP.e

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A Standard Operating Procedure is in place for catching which takes into account biosecurity, health and safety, hygiene and bird welfare requirements and a hard copy must be accessible to staff

### How you will be measured

- The hard copy must be dated and reviewed bi-annually



CC.DP.f

## Standards

There must be a catching schedule

### How you will be measured

- The schedule takes bird weight and biosecurity (e.g. final depops vs. partial depops) into consideration and allows sufficient breaks between loads



CC.DP.g

## Standards

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### CC.SC.a Key

#### Standards

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#### How you will be measured

- Nobody starts work without an induction, supervision or explanation of the tasks they will carry out
- For any specific tasks referenced within the Standards (e.g. welfare, responsibility for cleanliness and disinfection of catching equipment) additional training is given prior to being left to complete the task unsupervised



### CC.SC.b

#### Standards

The performance and competence of staff must be regularly reviewed and refresher training implemented as required

#### How you will be measured

- Staff are observed at least annually and the output of their work reviewed
- Refresher training is implemented immediately if issues are found



### CC.SC.c

#### Standards

Records of training must be kept

#### How you will be measured

- A training record is available for all, including:
  - name
  - start date (if applicable)
  - training given/ events attended/ experience
  - date of training
  - who provided the training
- Where staff are trained to undertake specific tasks this is listed in the record
- Records kept for two years after staff member has left employment



- Staff training record



### CC.SC.d

#### Standards

All members of the catching team must adopt British Poultry Training - Poultry Passport or poultry training record as the formal route for industry training and training recognition.

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- The mandatory training requirement specified on the Poultry Passport is delivered by providers or in-house tutors that have been approved by British Poultry Training



CC.SC.e

### Standards

Where labour providers are used to supply temporary or permanent staff an agreement must be in place to ensure competent persons are provided

### How you will be measured

- Agreement in place where labour providers are used regularly or on an ad-hoc basis
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- Labour provider agreement
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## AIM: TRACEABILITY AND ASSURANCE STATUS (CC)



CC.TLa Key

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Birds must be identified and records kept to maintain traceability throughout the catching and transport operation

### How you will be measured

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- Traceability records
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## AIM: TRACEABILITY AND ASSURANCE STATUS (TC)



TC.T1.a Key

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## AIM: TRACEABILITY AND ASSURANCE STATUS (KC)



KC.TLa Key

### Standards

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- Traceability records
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## AIM: BIOSECURITY AT CATCHING (CC)



CC.BC.a

### Standards

Catching teams must sign-in immediately on arrival at the farm

### How you will be measured

- The nominated member of the catching team signs in each member of the team on arrival – recording date, time of arrival, name of each member and a reference code of the catching team, company and Red Tractor Assurance number
- Each member of the catching team also certifies that they are not suffering from any enteric illnesses



CC.BC.b

### Standards

Catching teams must maintain records of all farms visited within the past 6 months



- Records detailing farm addresses, members of catching team who attended/ reference code of the catching team, vehicles and catching equipment used



CC.BC.c

### Standards

Immediately after signing in catching teams must make themselves aware of the defined biosecure areas on the farm

### How you will be measured

- Only after this has been done do members of the catching team begin to enter the biosecure area



CC.BC.d Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to each bird area at partial depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- dedicated boots must be worn and cleansed and disinfected between bird houses using a Defra-approved disinfectant



CC.BC.e Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to the biosecure area at full depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- boots are able to be cleaned and disinfected (i.e. are rubber) and are thoroughly washed, scrubbed and disinfected using a Defra-approved disinfectant between farms



CC.BC.f Key

### Standards

Footdips must be used by all on each entry to the biosecure area





#### CC.BC.g Key

##### Standards

Hands must be washed or sanitised on every entry to each house

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#### CC.BC.h Key

##### Standards

Only essential vehicles must enter the biosecure area e.g. poultry transport lorry, vehicles containing essential equipment, clean company vehicles

##### How you will be measured

- **personal transport is not considered as an essential vehicle and remains parked outside the biosecure area**
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#### CC.BC.i Key

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#### CC.BC.j Key

##### Standards

Footwear must be visibly clean before using a new footdip when moving to a new house

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#### CC.BC.k

##### Standards

The loading area provided must be used for loading birds

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#### CC.BC.l

##### Standards

Catching equipment, including catchers' transport and mechanical harvesting equipment, must arrive on-farm clean and disinfected

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- **Visual inspection made and documented**
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- Record held of the cleanliness of catching equipment on arrival
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CC.BC.m

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- Record held of when and where cleaning & disinfection took place



CC.BC.n

### Standards

Smoking, eating and drinking must be carried out only in designated areas

### How you will be measured

- **hands are washed or sanitised directly before and after smoking, eating or drinking**



CC.BC.o

### Standards

Staff must not keep or have contact with other poultry or any avian species



CC.BC.p

### Standards

If there are any concerns about the biosecurity provisions or facilities provided by the farm they must be raised with the nominated person of the catching team who must raise them with the farm manager/ company



- Record of any issues raised with farm manager

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TC.BC.c

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TC.BC.d Key

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TC.BC.e Key

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- Record of any issues raised with farm manager



## AIM: CATCHERS DEPOPULATION (CC)



CC.CD.a

### Standards

Houses must be entered with minimum disturbance to birds by people and equipment

### How you will be measured

- including if using mechanical harvesters



CC.CD.b

### Standards

Light levels during catching must be maintained at a level that allows catchers to work safely but also to ensure that birds remain calm

### How you will be measured

- If catching curtains are used they are power washed and disinfected prior to use on each farm
- For ducks there is no need to reduce the lighting level



CC.CD.c

### Standards

Breeder replacements are caught under lighting conditions that are maintained at a level that allows catchers to work safely but also ensures birds remain calm



CC.CD.d

### Standards

Carrying distances must be kept to a minimum



CC.CD.e Key

### Standards

Birds must be carried appropriately for their species and size

### How you will be measured

- Chickens are not carried by their wings or neck
- Turkeys:
  - are never lifted or carried by one leg
  - below 5kg they are carried by both legs or in both hands (rugby ball style)
  - above 5kg they are carried by both legs or one leg and the diagonally opposite wing
- Ducks:
  - are lifted out of the catch pen by their necks and placed directly into a module or basket



CC.CD.f Key

### Standards

Birds must be placed into crates with care ensuring that none are on their backs

### How you will be measured

- The nominated member of the catching team must check to ensure no birds are on their backs



CC.CD.g Key

### Standards

Staff must ensure that no part of the bird has become trapped by the crate or module

### How you will be measured

- The nominated member of the catching team is responsible for ensuring trappages do not occur
- The driver is responsible to check for bird trappages



#### CC.CD.h Key

##### Standards

Injured or sick birds must not be placed into crates or transported

##### How you will be measured

- Injured or sick birds are humanely culled by a trained person immediately
- Any culls and reasons for those culls are highlighted to the farm owner/ manager before leaving the farm



- Mortality records



#### CC.CD.i Key

##### Standards

Maximum crate stocking densities must meet legislative requirements

##### How you will be measured

- Stocking densities are as follows:
  - poultry weighing less than 1.6kg – 180 to 200cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
  - poultry weighing 1.6kg and over but less than 3kg – 160cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
  - poultry weighing 3kg and over but less than 5kg – 115cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
  - poultry weighing 5kg and over – 105cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
- Stocking densities also take into account the physical condition of the birds, weather conditions and journey times
- A loading matrix is to be used in high and low temperature conditions



#### CC.CD.j

##### Standards

Transport modules must be loaded according to manufacturers recommendations



#### CC.CD.k

##### Standards

Modules/crates must be placed as close as possible to the group being caught

##### How you will be measured

- Care taken not to crush or damage birds when placing modules/ crates



#### CC.CD.l

##### Standards

Staff must clear a space in a calm and controlled manner before any machinery enters the house



#### CC.CD.m

##### Standards

All equipment used in the catching operation, including mechanical harvesters, must be constructed and maintained in order that they are safe for use

##### How you will be measured

- no sharp edges, projections or other hazards

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TC.CD.d

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TC.CD.d.1

### Standards

Turkeys and ducks must be walked to the catch pen in a calm and controlled manner



TC.CD.d.2

### Standards

Catch pens must not become overcrowded



TC.CD.e Key

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Injured or sick birds must not be placed into crates or transported

##### How you will be measured

- **Injured or sick birds are humanely culled by a trained person immediately**
- **Any culls and reasons for those culls are highlighted to the farm owner/ manager before leaving the farm**



- Mortality records



#### TC.CD.i Key

##### Standards

Maximum crate stocking densities must meet legislative requirements

##### How you will be measured

- **Stocking densities are as follows:**
  - poultry weighing less than 1.6kg – 180 to 200cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
  - poultry weighing 1.6kg and over but less than 3kg – 160cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
  - poultry weighing 3kg and over but less than 5kg – 115cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
  - poultry weighing 5kg and over – 105cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
- **Stocking densities also take into account the physical condition of the birds, weather conditions and journey times**
- **A loading matrix is to be used in high and low temperature conditions**



#### TC.CD.j

##### Standards

Transport modules must be loaded according to manufacturers recommendations



#### TC.CD.k

##### Standards

Modules/crates must be placed as close as possible to the group being caught

##### How you will be measured

- **Care taken not to crush or damage birds when placing modules/ crates**



TC.CD.1

#### Standards

Staff must clear a space in a calm and controlled manner before any machinery enters the house

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TC.CD.m

#### Standards

All equipment used in the catching operation, including mechanical harvesters, must be constructed and maintained in order that they are safe for use

#### How you will be measured

- **no sharp edges, projections or other hazards**
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## AIM: CATCHERS DEPOPULATION (KC)



KC.CD.a

### Standards

Houses must be entered with minimum disturbance to birds by people and equipment

### How you will be measured

- including if using mechanical harvesters



KC.CD.b

### Standards

Light levels during catching must be maintained at a level that allows catchers to work safely but also to ensure that birds remain calm

### How you will be measured

- If catching curtains are used they are power washed and disinfected prior to use on each farm
- For ducks there is no need to reduce the lighting level



KC.CD.c

### Standards

Breeder replacements are caught under lighting conditions that are maintained at a level that allows catchers to work safely but also ensures birds remain calm



KC.CD.d

### Standards

Carrying distances must be kept to a minimum

### How you will be measured

- No more than two ducks per hand with their weight being supported by a hand under their body or with two hands holding either side of the body with wings closed
- Ducks are not carried with their heads hanging downwards or by their legs alone



KC.CD.d.1

### Standards

Turkeys and ducks must be walked to the catch pen in a calm and controlled manner



KC.CD.d.2

### Standards

Catch pens must not become overcrowded



KC.CD.e Key

### Standards

Birds must be carried appropriately for their species and size

### How you will be measured

- Chickens are not carried by their wings or neck
- Turkeys:
  - are never lifted or carried by one leg
  - below 5kg they are carried by both legs or in both hands (rugby ball style)
  - above 5kg they are carried by both legs or one leg and the diagonally opposite wing
- Ducks:
  - are lifted out of the catch pen by their necks and placed directly into a module or basket



#### KC.CD.f Key

##### Standards

Birds must be placed into crates with care ensuring that none are on their backs

##### How you will be measured

- **The nominated member of the catching team must check to ensure no birds are on their backs**



#### KC.CD.g Key

##### Standards

Staff must ensure that no part of the bird has become trapped by the crate or module

##### How you will be measured

- **The nominated member of the catching team is responsible for ensuring trappages do not occur**
- **The driver is responsible to check for bird trappages**



#### KC.CD.h Key

##### Standards

Injured or sick birds must not be placed into crates or transported

##### How you will be measured

- **Injured or sick birds are humanely culled by a trained person immediately**
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#### KC.CD.i Key

##### Standards

Maximum crate stocking densities must meet legislative requirements

##### How you will be measured

- **Stocking densities are as follows:**
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  - poultry weighing 5kg and over – 105cm<sup>2</sup>/kg
- **Stocking densities also take into account the physical condition of the birds, weather conditions and journey times**
- **A loading matrix is to be used in high and low temperature conditions**



#### KC.CD.j

##### Standards

Transport modules must be loaded according to manufacturers recommendations



#### KC.CD.k

##### Standards

Modules/crates must be placed as close as possible to the group being caught

##### How you will be measured

- **Care taken not to crush or damage birds when placing modules/ crates**



KC.CD.1

#### Standards

Staff must clear a space in a calm and controlled manner before any machinery enters the house

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KC.CD.m

#### Standards

All equipment used in the catching operation, including mechanical harvesters, must be constructed and maintained in order that they are safe for use

#### How you will be measured

- **no sharp edges, projections or other hazards**
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## AIM: MECHANICAL HARVESTING (CC)



CC.MH.a Key

### Standards

If mechanical harvesting, the machine operator must be able to provide evidence that he has undertaken training for the machine that he is operating and has knowledge of action to be taken in the event of machine failure

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CC.MH.b

### Standards

If mechanical harvesting, birds must be cleared in such a way that they are collected as the machine moves forward and they are not allowed to move behind the vehicle

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CC.MH.c

### Standards

Speed of mechanical harvesting equipment must be set low enough not to cause damage to birds

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CC.MH.d

### Standards

Any damage to birds during mechanical harvesting must be monitored and issues rectified

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## AIM: MECHANICAL HARVESTING (TC)



**TC.MH.a Key**

### Standards

If mechanical harvesting, the machine operator must be able to provide evidence that he has undertaken training for the machine that he is operating and has knowledge of action to be taken in the event of machine failure

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**TC.MH.b**

### Standards

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**TC.MH.c**

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**TC.MH.d**

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## AIM: MECHANICAL HARVESTING (KC)



**KC.MH.a Key**

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**KC.MH.b**

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**KC.MH.c**

### Standards

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**KC.MH.d**

### Standards

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## AIM: BIOSECURITY FOR TRANSPORT (CC)



CC.BT.a

### Standards

Drivers must sign-in immediately on arrival at the farm

### How you will be measured

- Signatures in the visitor book must be legible



CC.BT.b

### Standards

Immediately after signing in the driver must make themselves aware of the defined biosecure areas on the farm

### How you will be measured

- only after this has been done does the driver enter the biosecure area



CC.BT.c Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to each bird area at partial depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- dedicated boots must be worn and cleansed and disinfected between bird houses using a Defra-approved disinfectant



CC.BT.d Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to the biosecure area at full depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- boots are able to be cleaned and disinfected (i.e. are rubber) and are thoroughly washed, scrubbed and disinfected using a Defra-approved disinfectant between farms



CC.BT.e Key

### Standards

Footdips must be used on entry to the biosecure area

### How you will be measured

- Footdips are used on each entry to the biosecure area



CC.BT.f Key

### Standards

Hands must be washed or sanitised on entry to the biosecure area

### How you will be measured

- hands are washed/ sanitised on each entry to the biosecure area



#### CC.BT.g Key

##### Standards

Only essential vehicles must enter the biosecure area e.g. poultry transport lorry, vehicles containing essential equipment

##### How you will be measured

- **personal transport is not considered as an essential vehicle and remains parked outside the biosecure area**
- **for breaks drivers use the facilities provided by the farm or a clean company vehicle which has been disinfected on entry to the biosecure area**



#### CC.BT.h Key

##### Standards

Footdips must be used on entry and exit to each poultry house



#### CC.BT.i Key

##### Standards

Footwear must be visibly clean before using a new footdip when moving to a new house



#### CC.BT.j Key

##### Standards

All vehicles, including wheels, and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering the farm

##### How you will be measured

- **Effective pressure wash facilities and drains**



#### CC.BT.k

##### Standards

Vehicles, forklifts, transport crates and modules must arrive on-farm clean and disinfected

##### How you will be measured

- **Visual inspection made and documented**



- **Record held of the cleanliness of transport equipment on arrival**



#### CC.BT.l

##### Standards

The loading area provided must be used for loading birds



#### CC.BT.m

##### Standards

Forklifts and other equipment used by the driver must be cleaned and disinfected prior to leaving the farm

##### How you will be measured

- **Equipment can be taken to an off-site location to be cleaned and disinfected, but only if it moves directly from the farm to the off-site location.**



CC.BT.n

### Standards

Smoking, eating and drinking must be carried out only in designated areas

### How you will be measured

- hands are washed or sanitised directly before and after smoking, eating or drinking
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CC.BT.o

### Standards

Drivers must not keep poultry or any avian species

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CC.BT.p

### Standards

If there are any concerns about the biosecurity provisions or facilities provided by the farm they must be raised with the farm manager/ company

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- Record of any issues raised with farm manager
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## AIM: BIOSECURITY FOR TRANSPORT (TC)



TC.BT.a

### Standards

Drivers must sign-in immediately on arrival at the farm

### How you will be measured

- Signatures in the visitor book must be legible



TC.BT.b

### Standards

Immediately after signing in the driver must make themselves aware of the defined biosecure areas on the farm

### How you will be measured

- only after this has been done does the driver enter the biosecure area



TC.BT.c Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to each bird area at partial depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- dedicated boots must be worn and cleansed and disinfected between bird houses using a Defra-approved disinfectant



TC.BT.d Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to the biosecure area at full depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- boots are able to be cleaned and disinfected (i.e. are rubber) and are thoroughly washed, scrubbed and disinfected using a Defra-approved disinfectant between farms



TC.BT.e Key

### Standards

Footdips must be used on entry to the biosecure area

### How you will be measured

- Footdips are used on each entry to the biosecure area



TC.BT.f Key

### Standards

Hands must be washed or sanitised on entry to the biosecure area

### How you will be measured

- hands are washed/ sanitised on each entry to the biosecure area



#### TC.BT.g Key

##### Standards

Only essential vehicles must enter the biosecure area e.g. poultry transport lorry, vehicles containing essential equipment

##### How you will be measured

- **personal transport is not considered as an essential vehicle and remains parked outside the biosecure area**
- **for breaks drivers use the facilities provided by the farm or a clean company vehicle which has been disinfected on entry to the biosecure area**



#### TC.BT.h Key

##### Standards

Footdips must be used on entry and exit to each poultry house



#### TC.BT.i Key

##### Standards

Footwear must be visibly clean before using a new footdip when moving to a new house



#### TC.BT.j Key

##### Standards

All vehicles, including wheels, and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering the farm

##### How you will be measured

- **Effective pressure wash facilities and drains**



#### TC.BT.k

##### Standards

Vehicles, forklifts, transport crates and modules must arrive on-farm clean and disinfected

##### How you will be measured

- **Visual inspection made and documented**



- **Record held of the cleanliness of transport equipment on arrival**



#### TC.BT.l

##### Standards

The loading area provided must be used for loading birds



#### TC.BT.m

##### Standards

Forklifts and other equipment used by the driver must be cleaned and disinfected prior to leaving the farm

##### How you will be measured

- **Equipment can be taken to an off-site location to be cleaned and disinfected, but only if it moves directly from the farm to the off-site location.**





TC.BT.n

#### Standards

Smoking, eating and drinking must be carried out only in designated areas

#### How you will be measured

- hands are washed or sanitised directly before and after smoking, eating or drinking
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TC.BT.o

#### Standards

Drivers must not keep poultry or any avian species

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TC.BT.p

#### Standards

If there are any concerns about the biosecurity provisions or facilities provided by the farm they must be raised with the farm manager/ company

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- Record of any issues raised with farm manager
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## AIM: BIOSECURITY FOR TRANSPORT (KC)



KC.BT.a

### Standards

Drivers must sign-in immediately on arrival at the farm

### How you will be measured

- Signatures in the visitor book must be legible



KC.BT.b

### Standards

Immediately after signing in the driver must make themselves aware of the defined biosecure areas on the farm

### How you will be measured

- only after this has been done does the driver enter the biosecure area



KC.BT.c Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to each bird area at partial depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- dedicated boots must be worn and cleansed and disinfected between bird houses using a Defra-approved disinfectant



KC.BT.d Key

### Standards

Dedicated clothing and footwear must be worn by all on entry to the biosecure area at full depopulation

### How you will be measured

- disposable clothing or clothing which is washed between farms is worn
- boots are able to be cleaned and disinfected (i.e. are rubber) and are thoroughly washed, scrubbed and disinfected using a Defra-approved disinfectant between farms



KC.BT.e Key

### Standards

Footdips must be used on entry to the biosecure area

### How you will be measured

- Footdips are used on each entry to the biosecure area



KC.BT.f Key

### Standards

Hands must be washed or sanitised on entry to the biosecure area

### How you will be measured

- hands are washed/ sanitised on each entry to the biosecure area



#### KC.BT.g Key

##### Standards

Only essential vehicles must enter the biosecure area e.g. poultry transport lorry, vehicles containing essential equipment

##### How you will be measured

- **personal transport is not considered as an essential vehicle and remains parked outside the biosecure area**
- **for breaks drivers use the facilities provided by the farm or a clean company vehicle which has been disinfected on entry to the biosecure area**



#### KC.BT.h Key

##### Standards

Footdips must be used on entry and exit to each poultry house



#### KC.BT.i Key

##### Standards

Footwear must be visibly clean before using a new footdip when moving to a new house



#### KC.BT.j Key

##### Standards

All vehicles, including wheels, and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering the farm

##### How you will be measured

- **Effective pressure wash facilities and drains**



#### KC.BT.k

##### Standards

Vehicles, forklifts, transport crates and modules must arrive on-farm clean and disinfected

##### How you will be measured

- **Visual inspection made and documented**



- **Record held of the cleanliness of transport equipment on arrival**



#### KC.BT.l

##### Standards

The loading area provided must be used for loading birds



#### KC.BT.m

##### Standards

Forklifts and other equipment used by the driver must be cleaned and disinfected prior to leaving the farm

##### How you will be measured

- **Equipment can be taken to an off-site location to be cleaned and disinfected, but only if it moves directly from the farm to the off-site location.**



**KC.BT.n**

**Standards**

Smoking, eating and drinking must be carried out only in designated areas

**How you will be measured**

- **hands are washed or sanitised directly before and after smoking, eating or drinking**
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**KC.BT.o**

**Standards**

Drivers must not keep poultry or any avian species

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**KC.BT.p**

**Standards**

If there are any concerns about the biosecurity provisions or facilities provided by the farm they must be raised with the farm manager/ company

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- Record of any issues raised with farm manager
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## AIM: POULTRY TRANSPORT (CC)



CC.CT.a

### Standards

All birds must be transported by transporters registered with the Red Tractor Poultry Scheme



CC.CT.b

### Standards

Each vehicle must carry a written statement of maximum stocking density

### How you will be measured

- The statement details the maximum number of birds by weight band to be transported



CC.CT.c Key

### Standards

The driver must be competent and trained in the handling and welfare of poultry



CC.CT.d

### Standards

All vehicles have a written Emergency Action Plan

### How you will be measured

- Plan details what procedures should be followed in the case of fire, accident or traffic congestion, contact numbers for breakdown services and processing plants



- Emergency Action Plan



CC.CT.e

### Standards

Drivers have the means of mobile communication with the farm and/or processing plant



CC.CT.f

### Standards

The time between start of loading and end of unloading at the processing plant must not exceed twelve hours

### How you will be measured

- Time calculated from when first bird is loaded into crate to when last bird is unloaded at the processing plant (per vehicle)



CC.CT.g

### Standards

Journeys must be planned in advance to minimise waiting times

### How you will be measured

- Driver ensures the welfare of birds is not compromised by insufficient co-ordination of different parts of the journey and the weather conditions are taken into account



CC.CT.h

### Standards

Birds must be transported in modular systems which must be placed as close as possible to the group being caught

### How you will be measured

- Care taken not to crush or damage birds when placing modules/ crates



CC.CT.i

### Standards

Urine & faeces must not fall directly onto birds below when modules are stacked on top of each other on a vehicle

### How you will be measured

- Module tops are solid



CC.CT.j

### Standards

Action must be taken to prevent heat or cold stress from occurring

### How you will be measured

- Standard applies to vehicles in motion and stationary vehicles
- Protection is available for use in the winter months
- Measures are in place to protect the birds from heat stress in periods of high temperature and humidity
- The adoption of power-ventilated vehicles or a reduction in crate/ module stocking density has been considered
- Contingency measures are in place to provide emergency natural ventilation if required



CC.CT.k

### Standards

Vehicles must be maintained so not to pose a risk of injury to birds

### How you will be measured

- Vehicles:
  - prevent birds escaping or falling out
  - withstand stresses of movement
  - ensure air quality can be maintained
  - provide access to birds to allow them to be inspected
  - provide lighting e.g. a torch held on the vehicle, sufficient for inspection of birds



CC.CT.l

### Standards

Transport crates must be maintained in good condition so not to pose a risk of injury to birds

### How you will be measured

- Any sharp edges or protrusions with which animals may come into contact must be removed entirely



CC.CT.m

### Standards

The haulier must retain records for traceability purposes and these must be kept for two years

#### How you will be measured

- **Records include:**
    - **date of movement**
    - **farm of origin and its scheme registration number**
    - **destination**
    - **number of birds transported**
    - **mortalities**
    - **start of loading and end of loading time**
    - **start of journey and end of journey time**
    - **vehicle identification**
    - **register of complaints and any action taken**
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- Haulage records
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## AIM: POULTRY TRANSPORT (TC)



TC.CT.a

### Standards

All birds must be transported by transporters registered with the Red Tractor Poultry Scheme



TC.CT.b

### Standards

Each vehicle must carry a written statement of maximum stocking density

### How you will be measured

- The statement details the maximum number of birds by weight band to be transported



TC.CT.c Key

### Standards

The driver must be competent and trained in the handling and welfare of poultry



TC.CT.d

### Standards

All vehicles have a written Emergency Action Plan

### How you will be measured

- Plan details what procedures should be followed in the case of fire, accident or traffic congestion, contact numbers for breakdown services and processing plants



- Emergency Action Plan



TC.CT.e

### Standards

Drivers have the means of mobile communication with the farm and/or processing plant



TC.CT.f

### Standards

The time between start of loading and end of unloading at the processing plant must not exceed twelve hours

### How you will be measured

- Time calculated from when first bird is loaded into crate to when last bird is unloaded at the processing plant (per vehicle)



TC.CT.g

### Standards

Journeys must be planned in advance to minimise waiting times

### How you will be measured

- Driver ensures the welfare of birds is not compromised by insufficient co-ordination of different parts of the journey and the weather conditions are taken into account





TC.CT.h

### Standards

Birds must be transported in modular systems which must be placed as close as possible to the group being caught

### How you will be measured

- Care taken not to crush or damage birds when placing modules/ crates



TC.CT.i

### Standards

Urine & faeces must not fall directly onto birds below when modules are stacked on top of each other on a vehicle

### How you will be measured

- Module tops are solid



TC.CT.j

### Standards

Action must be taken to prevent heat or cold stress from occurring

### How you will be measured

- Standard applies to vehicles in motion and stationary vehicles
- Protection is available for use in the winter months
- Measures are in place to protect the birds from heat stress in periods of high temperature and humidity
- The adoption of power-ventilated vehicles or a reduction in crate/ module stocking density has been considered
- Contingency measures are in place to provide emergency natural ventilation if required



TC.CT.k

### Standards

Vehicles must be maintained so not to pose a risk of injury to birds

### How you will be measured

- Vehicles:
  - prevent birds escaping or falling out
  - withstand stresses of movement
  - ensure air quality can be maintained
  - provide access to birds to allow them to be inspected
  - provide lighting e.g. a torch held on the vehicle, sufficient for inspection of birds



TC.CT.l

### Standards

Transport crates must be maintained in good condition so not to pose a risk of injury to birds

### How you will be measured

- Any sharp edges or protrusions with which animals may come into contact must be removed entirely



TC.CT.m

### Standards

The haulier must retain records for traceability purposes and these must be kept for two years

#### How you will be measured

- **Records include:**
    - **date of movement**
    - **farm of origin and its scheme registration number**
    - **destination**
    - **number of birds transported**
    - **mortalities**
    - **start of loading and end of loading time**
    - **start of journey and end of journey time**
    - **vehicle identification**
    - **register of complaints and any action taken**
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- Haulage records
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## AIM: POULTRY TRANSPORT (KC)



KC.CT.a

### Standards

All birds must be transported by transporters registered with the Red Tractor Poultry Scheme



KC.CT.b

### Standards

Each vehicle must carry a written statement of maximum stocking density

### How you will be measured

- The statement details the maximum number of birds by weight band to be transported



KC.CT.c Key

### Standards

The driver must be competent and trained in the handling and welfare of poultry



KC.CT.d

### Standards

All vehicles have a written Emergency Action Plan

### How you will be measured

- Plan details what procedures should be followed in the case of fire, accident or traffic congestion, contact numbers for breakdown services and processing plants



- Emergency Action Plan



KC.CT.e

### Standards

Drivers have the means of mobile communication with the farm and/or processing plant



KC.CT.f

### Standards

The time between start of loading and end of unloading at the processing plant must not exceed twelve hours

### How you will be measured

- Time calculated from when first bird is loaded into crate to when last bird is unloaded at the processing plant (per vehicle)



KC.CT.g

### Standards

Journeys must be planned in advance to minimise waiting times

### How you will be measured

- Driver ensures the welfare of birds is not compromised by insufficient co-ordination of different parts of the journey and the weather conditions are taken into account



KC.CT.h

### Standards

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### How you will be measured

- Care taken not to crush or damage birds when placing modules/ crates



KC.CT.i

### Standards

Urine & faeces must not fall directly onto birds below when modules are stacked on top of each other on a vehicle

### How you will be measured

- Module tops are solid



KC.CT.j

### Standards

Action must be taken to prevent heat or cold stress from occurring

### How you will be measured

- Standard applies to vehicles in motion and stationary vehicles
- Protection is available for use in the winter months
- Measures are in place to protect the birds from heat stress in periods of high temperature and humidity
- The adoption of power-ventilated vehicles or a reduction in crate/ module stocking density has been considered
- Contingency measures are in place to provide emergency natural ventilation if required



KC.CT.k

### Standards

Vehicles must be maintained so not to pose a risk of injury to birds

### How you will be measured

- Vehicles:
  - prevent birds escaping or falling out
  - withstand stresses of movement
  - ensure air quality can be maintained
  - provide access to birds to allow them to be inspected
  - provide lighting e.g. a torch held on the vehicle, sufficient for inspection of birds



KC.CT.l

### Standards

Transport crates must be maintained in good condition so not to pose a risk of injury to birds

### How you will be measured

- Any sharp edges or protrusions with which animals may come into contact must be removed entirely



KC.CT.m

### Standards

The haulier must retain records for traceability purposes and these must be kept for two years

#### How you will be measured

- **Records include:**
    - **date of movement**
    - **farm of origin and its scheme registration number**
    - **destination**
    - **number of birds transported**
    - **mortalities**
    - **start of loading and end of loading time**
    - **start of journey and end of journey time**
    - **vehicle identification**
    - **register of complaints and any action taken**
- 



- Haulage records
-