

RED TRACTOR VERSION 5 STANDARDS

CHICKEN

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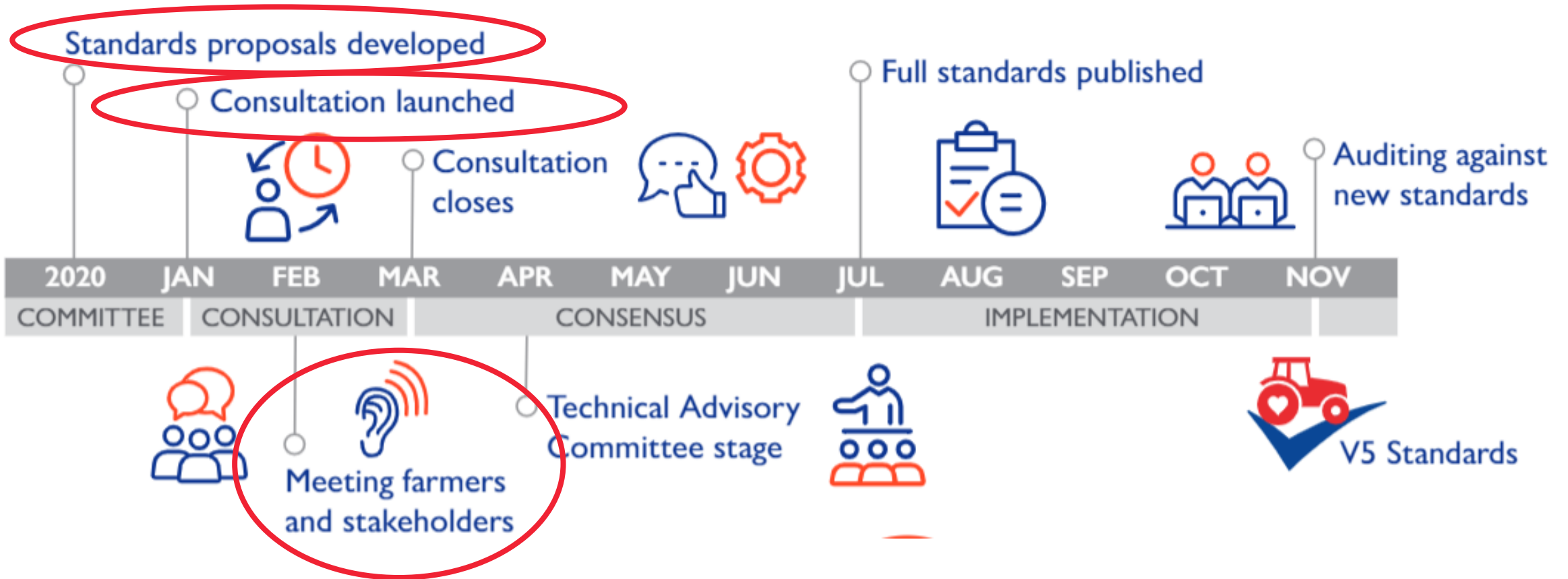




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Consultation
analysis



Proposed next steps

- Proceed as per consultation
- Proceed with amendments
 - Remove
- Discuss at TAC



TAC
meetings



Sector
Board sign-
off





WHAT HAS CHANGED?



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FORMAT

- Middle column split into individual audit points
 - No real change for members
 - More granular data for RT
- Coding not always consecutive
- Guidance boxes added

Vermin Control (VC)

STANDARDS	ENTERPRISE	HOW YOU WILL BE MEASURED
AIM: Effective and responsible control of birds, rodents, and other animals to prevent contamination and risks to food safety and animal health		
VC.1 Key There must be effective control of vermin REVISED	CB, CF, CP, EW, CH, CL, CD	VC.1.a No build-up of vegetation close to farm structures that could harbour vermin
		VC.1.b A site survey is completed at least quarterly, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- date of inspection- locations inspected- findings- actions required- date actions completed
		VC.1.c Dead/trapped vermin are searched and disposed of when bait points are checked
GUIDANCE <i>A site survey is a record of every inspection and/or survey undertaken to look for signs of rodent activity and/or environmental management requirements</i>		
VC.2 Toxic bait must be used responsibly REVISED	CB, CF, CP, EW, CH, CL, CD	VC.2.a Prior to treatment with baits the use of non-chemical control methods is considered first followed by the least toxic alternatives (see Appendix – risk hierarchy)
		VC.2.b An environmental risk assessment is undertaken in accordance with the Appendix before bait is laid
		VC.2.c Where baits are used a bait plan identifies location of bait points, bait used, bait point inspection and replenishment dates
		VC.2.d Non-target animals do not have access to baits
		VC.2.e Bait is prevented from contaminating animal feed
		VC.2.f Permanent baiting is not routinely undertaken and toxic bait is removed when treatment is finished
		VC.2.g Product label directions are followed
		VC.2.h A documented COSHH assessment is carried out where there are 5 or more employees
GUIDANCE <i>Permanent baiting is the application of a rodenticide product when no active infestation is present. Permanent baiting is strictly limited to sites with a high potential for reinvasion when other methods of control have proven insufficient and can only be carried out by professional users and only with products authorised for this use.</i>		
WHERE TO FIND HELP <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use code of best practice: https://www.thinkwildlife.org/code-of-best-practice/■ HSE step-by-step guide to COSHH assessment: https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/lhsg97.htm		

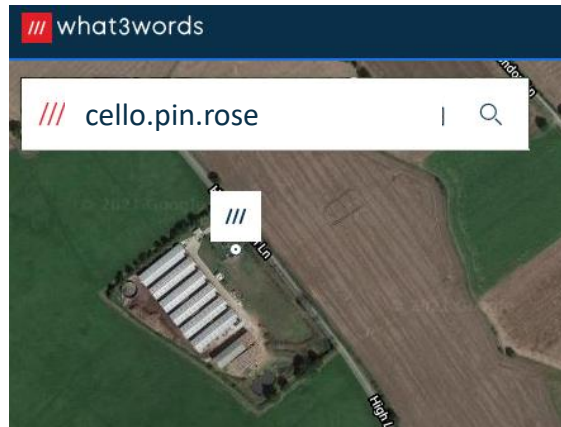


KEY CHANGES TO THE CHICKEN STANDARDS



DOCUMENTS & PROCEDURES

- Farm maps:
 - + OS or What3Words references,
 - + location of fire extinguishers, first aid boxes, and where available, water sources for fighting fires
 - + Additional biosecurity mapping for large sites with birds of multiple ages
- Welfare plan for housing free range birds during a compulsory housing order



PERSONNEL

- Health & Safety policy
 - + Courses completed x2 every 12 months



CHANGES TO THE CHICKEN STANDARDS



HOUSING

- Heat stress policy implemented and reviewed in the event of bird losses
- Documented and implemented bulk bin cleaning policy
- Recording lux once per crop (first x4 weeks) for breeder layers and breeder replacements
- Windows at 3% by October 2023



HEALTH & WELFARE

- Only slower growing breeds can be used for free range production
- Enrichment to be placed by day 3
 - + Homegrown /locally procured straw can be used
 - + Perches can now be up to 80cm for slower growing breeds
- Named welfare officer on farm / in hatchery



CHANGES TO THE CHICKEN STANDARDS



BIOSECURITY

- Clarity on visitor records
- Off-site parking / general biosecurity parking area protocols
- Minimum 5 days turnaround between flocks



HATCHERY

- All eggs to be fumigated or sanitised prior to setting
- Incubator checks for temperature, humidity and direction of turn to be recorded
- Eggs must be stored in a temperature and humidity controlled room, and daily records of both these measures must be documented
- Chick and egg disposal equipment must be checked daily by a trained operator and checks recorded
- Egg/trolley ID must include PS flock and house ID

WELFARE IN TRANSPORT

- Injured or sick chicks must not be transported
- All vehicles carrying chicks must be able to control ventilation
- Chicks must be placed in clean, dry, ventilated containers
- Time between hatch and unloading at the farm must not exceed 72 hours.



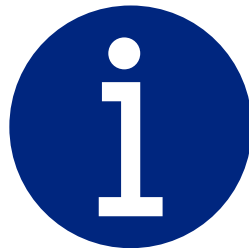
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WHAT NEXT?



Check out the Red Tractor Assurance website:

<https://assurance.redtractor.org.uk/>





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