



## Chicken Standards Changes: 1 February 2025


- **Recommendation.** This is not a standard and a non-conformance raised will not affect your certification. However, these are recommended actions to undertake to help demonstrate working to Red Tractor and industry core principles.
- **New.** A completely new standard which the member must now adhere to, or a new recommendation.
- **Revised.** A standard that has changed and requires the member to take some different or additional action to before.



This icon indicates that a record is required and suggests potential documentary evidence which could be used to show compliance.

Enterprises: CB Broilers, CF Free Range, CP Poussin, EW Enhanced Welfare, CH Hatcheries, CL Breeder Layers  
CD Breeder Replacements.


### Documents and Procedures

Standard	Enterprises	How you will be assessed	Records
<b>DP.3</b> Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints and/or sampling results that are relevant to the requirements of the Red Tractor Standards <b>(REVISED)</b>	CB CF CP EW CH CL CD	<b>DP.3.a</b> System includes recording the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint</li> <li>• investigation result</li> <li>• action taken to prevent/stop the issue happening again</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint/Sample records</li> </ul>

#### GUIDANCE:


- Includes complaints made by local authority, general public, customers or other, including but not limited to those related to food safety and environmental protection
- Includes results of any relevant analyses carried out on any samples that have importance to human health, e.g. microbiological testing, residues, environmental sampling


## Biosecurity and Disease Control

Standard	Enterprises	How you will be assessed	Records
<b>BI.10</b> Employed and contracted staff must not keep other poultry or any avian species <b>(REVISED)</b>	CB CF CP EW CH CL CD	<b>BI.10.a</b> Where staff also work with pigs they must follow an additional farm specific biosecurity protocol before coming into contact with poultry	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biosecurity protocol</li> </ul>

GUIDANCE: The protocol should cover what precautions are taken with reference to footwear, protective clothing, hand cleanliness, and additional measures depending on the facilities available (i.e., showers)

## Animal Medicines

Standard	Enterprises	How you will be assessed	Records
<b>AM.1</b> Only authorised veterinary medicines are used <b>(REVISED)</b>	CB CF CP EW CH CL CD	<b>AM.1.a</b> POM-V products are prescribed by a vet  <b>AM.1.b</b> POM-VPS products are prescribed by a vet, pharmacist or Suitably Qualified Person (SQP)/Registered Animal Medicines Advisor (RAMA)  <b>AM.1.c</b> An approved medicines list, compiled in conjunction with a vet, is kept, listing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>storage</li> <li>administration</li> <li>active ingredient</li> <li>withdrawal period</li> <li>dosage</li> <li>duration of treatment</li> <li>circumstances for use</li> </ul> <b>AM.1.d</b>	 <p>Approved medicines list with definition of a VMP (i.e. includes vaccines, antimicrobials, anthelmintics, anaesthetic, medicated feed)</p>


		<p>Prescriptions for medicated feed detail all legally required information, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the species of animal, the number of animals and their ID</li> <li>the diagnosed disease to be treated or prevented</li> <li>name, active substance and amount of product prescribed and inclusion rates (medicinal premix and active ingredient)</li> <li>overall amount of feed to be supplied under the prescription</li> </ul>	
<p><b>AM.8.1</b></p> <p>Prophylactic administration of antibiotics is only permitted in exceptional circumstances <b>(REVISED)</b></p>	<p><b>CB</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CP</b></p> <p><b>EW</b></p> <p><b>CL</b></p> <p><b>CD</b></p>	<p><b>AM.8.1.b</b></p> <p>The rationale for prescribing a product for prophylaxis is clearly recorded by the vet</p> <p><b>AM.8.1.c</b></p> <p>When an antibiotic is prescribed for administration to a group of animals for prophylaxis a management review is carried out by the vet to identify factors and implement measures for the purpose of eliminating the need for any future such administration</p>	 <p>Rationale for prophylaxis (per prescription) Management review (group prophylaxis)</p>

**GUIDANCE:** Prophylactic administration or prophylaxis means the administration of a veterinary medicinal product to an animal or group of animals before clinical signs of disease in order to prevent the occurrence of disease or infection. Clinical signs of disease include visible outward signs of disease as well as sub-clinical disease detected through laboratory testing.

Exceptional circumstances include where the risk of an infection or of an infectious disease is very high and where the consequences of not prescribing the product are likely to be severe.

Group prophylaxis is when antibiotics are administered prophylactically via a group administration route such as in-feed, in-water, in milk/milk replacer or in liquid feed, to more than one animal at the same time.

## Urea (Added 1 April 2024)

Standard	Enterprises	How you will be assessed	Records
<p><b>UR.1</b></p> <p>Fertiliser containing urea must only be</p>	<p><b>CB</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CP</b></p>	<p><b>UR.1.a</b></p> <p>Protected/inhibited fertilisers containing solid urea can be applied within any product use by/best before dates</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application records</li> </ul>

<p>applied where the following requirements are met <b>(NEW)</b></p>	<p><b>EW</b> <b>CH</b> <b>CL</b> <b>CD</b></p>	<p><b>UR.1.b</b></p> <p>Protected/inhibited fertilisers containing liquid urea can be applied with the prescribed rate of protector/inhibitor for the application, and within any product use by/best before date</p> <p><b>UR.1.c</b></p> <p>In England, unprotected/uninhibited solid fertiliser containing urea can only be applied between 15th January and 31st March</p> <p><b>UR.1.d</b></p> <p>In England, unprotected/uninhibited liquid fertiliser containing urea can be applied between 15th January and 31st March</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and FACTS professional register number</li> <li>• Recommendation sheet for applications</li> </ul>
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GUIDANCE: \* All applications should be made before the end of October in accordance with RB209.

\*\* A member of the FACTS Professional Register

- Protected/inhibited means urease inhibitors or treatments to mitigate ammonia emissions
- This standard includes: All mineral fertilisers for agricultural use, containing 1% ureic nitrogen or more, except urea solution for late foliar application for protein route such as in-feed, in-water, in milk/milk replacer or in liquid feed, to more than one animal at the same time.