

Transport Procedure

Transport systems must be designed and managed to ensure birds do not experience unnecessary distress or discomfort, while also minimising the risk of introducing or spreading disease. Transport and handling should be kept to the minimum required, and all personnel involved must be thoroughly trained and competent in the tasks they perform.

Relevant Associated Requirements *[delete as appropriate]*

- **Code of Welfare: Meat Chickens 2018** - Minimum Standard No. 13 – Catching, Loading and Transport.
- **Code of Welfare: Layer Hens 2018** - Minimum Standard No. 14 – Loading and Transport.

Biosecurity Objectives:

- **Minimise the risk of introducing disease or contaminants** through any transport movements on or off the farm.

Activity	Farm Procedure
1. Describe On-Farm Transport of Birds Explain what transport of birds occurs on the farm: for example, movements between sheds or between farms, and describe the procedure used to ensure birds are handled safely and only trained staff undertake this work. If an external transport company is used for any part of the journey, this must also be noted.	
2. Use of Crates and Containers Farm crates and containers used for transporting birds on or off the farm must be designed and used in a way that does not compromise animal welfare or risk the introduction of disease onto the farm. Describe: • the types of containers used, • how they are loaded and handled, • how and when they are cleaned and disinfected, and • how they are checked and maintained.	
3. Staff Training Requirements All staff involved in the transport or handling of birds must be appropriately trained. • Training must be documented. • Record staff training for bird transport in the training register.	