

# **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Ryedale Poultry Farm is operated in accordance with the Assured Food Standards (AFS) Red Tractor Farm Assurance Standards for Broilers & Poussin and has a comprehensive in-house environmental management system (EMS) in place that meets the conditions set out in Sector Guidance Note EPR6.09 'How to comply with your environmental permit for intensive farming' Version 2, January 2010 and in line with the requirements set out in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/302 15 February 2017) establishing best available techniques (BAT) conclusions, under directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, for the Intensive Rearing of Poultry and Pigs (**BAT Conclusions**).

In particular the EMS covers all of the following areas: -

## **Normal operations**

Daily records are kept for all activities on the farm including: deliveries and collections of livestock, feed and water consumption, deliveries of feed, bedding and fuel, consumption of feed, litter and water, mortalities and collections of deadstock, house temperatures and light levels. Inspections of the houses and equipment are performed daily by farm staff and any faults or breakdowns are either rectified by themselves or reported to management, who will then call appropriate contractor to effect repairs. All recording is consistent with the AFS scheme requirements.

The day to day activities of the farm in relation to food safety, welfare, hygiene and environmental protection are managed in full accordance with the AFS scheme requirements. These outline the full range of policies, procedures and records that are required to be in place on the farm to achieve the accredited standard. The directors of Annyalla Chicks (UK) Broilers Limited are committed to the achievement and maintenance of these standard.

Files containing all of the relevant policies, procedures, official publications and records are held in the farm office. These are available to farm staff at all times and can be viewed on site during visits and audits

Records are stored at the farm for a minimum of 3 years in relation to these standards.

Copies of the current AFS accreditation certificates are displayed in the farm office to verify compliance with these standards.

## **Incidents and abnormal operations**

Staff are trained to identify any incidents or abnormalities and to investigate the causes to enable them to rectify the problem and prevent further occurrence. Documented procedures are in place to cover the following situations: -

- Major Incidents
- Fire Emergency
- Electrical Failure
- Water Supply Failure
- Chemical Spillages
- Equipment Failure
- Site Incursions

## **Maintenance programme and recording.**

Regular maintenance is carried out on the farm during periods of no stocking. This covers the buildings fabric, equipment, biomass boiler, drainage systems & surrounding areas. Regular checks of equipment are also carried out throughout the growing periods.

Details of all farm maintenance activities are set out in the following farm documents: -

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- Inspection & Maintenance Procedure
- Maintenance Records
- Non-Routine Events Record
- Equipment Calibration Procedure
- Equipment Calibration Records

**Noise Management**

A noise management plan has been developed and procedures implemented.

**Odour Management**

An odour management plan has been developed and procedures implemented.

**Dust & Bio-Aerosol Management**

There are no sensitive receptors within 100m of the farm so no realistic reasons for day to day activities to have an external impact. Dust & Bio-Aerosol levels are however monitored and managed in line with GMP principles, health & safety at work requirements and in accordance with Assured Food Standards (AFS) Red Tractor Farm Assurance Standards for Broiler-Breeders with respect to bird welfare.

**Complaints**

A complaints procedure is in place on the farm, with a recording system to log any complaints along with remedial actions taken, where necessary. A site identification notice is displayed at the site entrance that gives the permit number, the farm’s emergency phone number and the Environment Agency numbers.

**Accidents**

The farm has an Accident Management Plan in place. The plan describes possible polluting accidents which could occur and the actions to take in the event of such an accident.

- Accident Management Plan

**Flood**

Procedures are in place to address potential emergencies in the event of a risk of flooding at the site

- Emergency Flood Procedures

**Staff Training**

All staff are trained and competent to work on the farm. All staff receive both formal and “on the job” training from managers and external training providers with records of this being maintained and held at the business office. Training on the requirements of Environmental Permitting are provided with particular attention being paid to accident prevention and management. Visitors and contractors are made aware of the conditions of the environmental permit against which the site operates.

**Farm security**

All buildings and gates are securely locked out of hours, the farm is enclosed by hedging, drainage ditches and fencing. Staff are trained to be vigilant for possible intruders and actions to take in the event of a known or suspected site intrusion.

**Waste**

Levels of waste are kept to a minimum and kept under ongoing review to identify opportunities for further elimination or minimisation of waste materials. Refer to CBF 021 Waste Minimisation Review

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