

Collection: Problematic Waste Integrated Project Team

Updated: Problematic Waste Inventory Summary (May 2018) added

In order to support delivery of the NDA's 2016 Strategy, a Problematic Waste Integrated Project Team (IPT) was established in May 2016. Its objective is to develop a co-ordinated and improved approach to the industry-wide management of problematic radioactive waste. The IPT is being led by LLW Repository Ltd and RWM on behalf of the NDA and includes engagement with a range of stakeholders. Documents related to the IPT can be found on this section of the website.

Research and analysis: Avian influenza in wild birds

Updated: Avian influenza in wild birds: 2018 updated

This report is produced by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and is updated weekly with findings of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) – often referred to as bird flu – in wild birds in Great Britain.

These are findings of avian influenza from our ongoing routine surveillance for avian influenza in wild birds. This surveillance is made up of patrols by wild bird reserve wardens and collections of found-dead wild birds reported to us by members of the public. This data only represents cases where birds have tested positive for avian influenza.

Read [avian influenza \(bird flu\) in winter 2017 to 2018](#) or [avian influenza \(bird flu\) detailed guidance](#) for the latest information.

Correspondence: Science and technology

in the new government's programme – July 2016

Letter to the Prime Minister about ideas for a new economic and industrial strategy.

Detailed guide: Cross compliance 2017

Updated: Added cross compliance inspection failure results in 2017.

Guidance

[The guide to cross compliance in England 2017](#)

(PDF, 2.65MB, 83 pages)

[Appendix_GAEC 3 Groundwater](#)

(PDF, 57.6KB, 1 page)

[Appendix_SMR 13 Animal welfare](#)

(PDF, 269KB, 8 pages)

What's new in 2017

As explained in the 'What's new in 2017' section of the guide, there's only one change to the cross compliance rules for 2017. This change is to GAEC 1: Establishment of buffer strips along watercourses.

You'll also find 'Key dates in 2017' on page 5 in the guide. This reminds you what you should and shouldn't do to meet the rules throughout the year.

RPA has also created a video about what to expect during an inspection which is now under [Cross compliance 2018](#).

The Farming Advice Service – if you need help

[The Farming Advice Service \(FAS\)](#) is funded by Defra to provide free, confidential advice to farmers and farming industry advisers to help them understand and meet requirements for cross compliance, 'greening', water protection and the sustainable use of pesticides.

Call them on 03000 200 301 or search online for more information about the Farming Advice Service.

Inspections and calculating penalties

For detailed information about inspections and penalties, read page 12 of 'The guide to cross compliance in England 2017' above.

If you're inspected and the inspector finds something wrong, they use a set of standards called 'verifiable standards' to assess how serious the non-compliance is. This is based on the extent of the non-compliance and how severe and permanent it is.

RPA uses a guide to work out the penalty that is to be applied.

They also use a calculator to work out how severe a non-compliance is for cattle identification and registration for SMR 7.

Get a copy of these documents from ruralpayments@defra.gsi.gov.uk. Tell them which documents you want and use 'Verifiable Standards 2017' as the email heading.

These are the results from
[cross compliance inspections in 2017](#)
(PDF, 568KB, 22 pages)

– they show the reasons why farmers failed to meet each Statutory Management Requirement (SMR) and Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAEC).

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Advice to the Prime Minister on opportunities in robotics, automation and artificial intelligence for the UK.