



### CLARIFICATION ON DEPTH OF TRACE AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS

	Depth of trace	Is farm of birth required to be Red Tractor Assured (RTA)?	Is farm of rearing required to be RTA?	Is finishing farm required to be RTA?	Post farm-gate requirements
<b>BEEF</b>	<p>Trace must extend back to holding of birth to verify that the animal was born in the UK</p> <p>For Northern Ireland, the following link can be used to verify country of origin:  <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/daera-online-services">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/daera-online-services</a></p>	No, but does have to be in the UK	No but does have to be in the UK	<p>Residency period must be minimum of 90 days on RTA holding (the 90 days can be split over one or more RTA holdings) or Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) or Northern Irish Beef &amp; Lamb Farm Quality Assured Scheme (NIBL FQAS) or Farm Assured Welsh Livestock (FAWL)</p> <p>RTA status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>Note, historic date checking is available. The Red Tractor Beef &amp; Lamb Industry Checker provides a historic</p>	<p>RTA Livestock Transport (either assured through the RTA farm scheme if the farmer is transporting his own livestock or through the RTA Livestock Transport Scheme for commercial hauliers) or QMS</p> <p>RTA Markets and/or Collection Centre (if applicable) or QMS</p> <p>RTA Meat Processing abattoir or QMS</p> <p>For RTA Transport, Markets/Collection Centres and Meat Processing the assurance status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>For QMS, the following checker must be used: <a href="https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user">https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user</a></p>



				<p>search to allow industry users to perform checks on members' certification in the past. Historic checking plays a vital role in assessing whether a member was assured at the time they were selling their livestock. Historic searches can be undertaken back to 2012 and not before. Guidance is provided here: <a href="#">Historic date check</a></p> <p>If applicable, the devolved scheme farm assurance status must be checked:</p> <p><a href="https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user">https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user</a> (QMS)</p> <p><a href="https://www.lmcni.com/logins/fas-membership-checker-login/">https://www.lmcni.com/logins/fas-membership-checker-login/</a> (NIBL FQAS)</p> <p><a href="https://www.fawl.co.uk/#content-areas">https://www.fawl.co.uk/#content-areas</a> (FAWL)</p>	
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<p><b>LAMB</b></p>	<p>For lambs/sheep, it is difficult to verify holding of birth, so at abattoir sites ear tag records must be checked. Always check for a UK prefix. If ear tags are red in colour, investigate further.</p> <p>*Lambs/sheep must be ear tagged before they move off their holding of birth</p> <p>*For animals born in the UK, the ear tag will have a UK prefix</p> <p>*For imported sheep (from outside of the EU) ear tags must be replaced with a pair of red UK identifiers, one of which must be an electronic identifier (EID)</p>	<p>No, but does have to be in the UK</p>	<p>No but does have to be in the UK</p>	<p>Residency period must be minimum of 60 days on RTA holding (the 60 days can be split over one or more RTA holdings) or QMS or NIBL FQAS or FAWL</p> <p>RTA status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>Historic date checking must be used. Guidance is provided here: <a href="#">Historic date check</a></p> <p>If applicable, the devolved scheme farm assurance status must be checked:  <a href="https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user">https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user</a> (QMS)</p> <p><a href="https://www.lmcni.com/logins/fqas-membership-checker-login/">https://www.lmcni.com/logins/fqas-membership-checker-login/</a> (NIBL FQAS)</p>	<p>RTA Livestock Transport (either assured through the RTA farm scheme if the farmer is transporting his own livestock or through the RTA Transport Scheme for commercial hauliers) or QMS</p> <p>RTA Markets and/or Collection Centre (if applicable) or QMS</p> <p>RTA Meat Processing abattoir or QMS</p> <p>For RTA Transport, Markets/Collection Centres and Meat Processing the assurance status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>For QMS, the following checker must be used: <a href="https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user">https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user</a></p>
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	<p>*Lambs/sheep imported from within the EU do not have to be retagged and therefore the tag will not have a UK prefix but instead will have the country's prefix where the animal was born e.g. FR for France.</p>			<p><a href="https://www.fawl.co.uk/#content-areas">https://www.fawl.co.uk/#content-areas</a> (FAWL)</p>	
<b>PORK</b>	<p>Trace must extend back to place of birth to verify that the animal was born in the UK</p>	<p>Yes or QMS</p>	<p>Yes or QMS</p>	<p>Yes or QMS</p> <p>RTA status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a>          Historic date checking must be used.</p> <p>If applicable, the devolved scheme farm assurance status must be checked:</p>	<p>RTA Livestock Transport (either assured through the RTA farm scheme if the farmer is transporting his own pigs or through the RTA Transport Scheme for commercial hauliers) or QMS</p> <p>RTA Markets and/or Collection Centre (if applicable) or QMS. Note, pork can only carry a RT claim if RT Assured pigs have travelled through a RTA Market or Collection Centre directly onto the abattoir for slaughter (i.e. pigs cannot reside/travel through a Market/Collection</p>



				<a href="https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user">https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user</a> (QMS)	<p>Centre and then back to a farm and maintain their RTA status)</p> <p>RTA Meat Processing abattoir or QMS or BQAP Pork Assurance Scheme (BQAP)</p> <p>For RTA Transport, Markets/Collection Centres and Meat Processing the assurance status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>For QMS, the following checker must be used: <a href="https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user">https://www.qmscotland.co.uk/user</a></p> <p>For BQAP, currently certificates need to be requested and cross checked against the BQAP Member Directory (no checker is available):  <a href="https://britishmeatindustry.org/our-work/bmpa-pork-scheme/scheme-members/">https://britishmeatindustry.org/our-work/bmpa-pork-scheme/scheme-members/</a></p>
<b>POULTRY</b> (chicken, turkey & duck)	Trace must be back to hatchery to verify that the bird/s were hatched in the UK	Yes, hatchery must be RTA (NB. breeder rearer & breeder layer farms must also be RTA, but these are	Yes, rearing/finishing farms are usually one site although in the case of free-range units, you may brood on one farm and then move birds to the growing site. All farms must be RTA.		RTA Poultry Catching & Transport – for catching & transport the assurance status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker (note, the RT Poultry



		<p>checked during farm inspections)</p>	<p>RTA status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>Historic date checking must be used.</p> <p>Note, for RT Enhanced Welfare chicken, when using the RT Poultry Industry Checker the visibility of individual house numbers certified to the Enhanced Welfare standards can be seen under a member's assurance by looking at 'Additional sites/Holdings'</p>	<p>Checker includes assured catching &amp; transport members):  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>RTA Meat Processing abattoir - for meat processing the assurance status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>Only approved RTA abattoirs as listed in <b>Appendix 1</b> (see end of document) are permitted to kill chicken which is packed/sold with a RT Enhanced Welfare claim</p>
<p><b>DAIRY</b></p>	<p>Trace back to farm to verify that the milk has come from cows/goats residing on a UK farm</p>	<p>Farms must be RTA</p> <p>RTA status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>Historic date checking must be used.</p>	<p>Milk must be transported by an assured Dairy Transport Assurance Scheme member (DTAS). Assurance status of DTAS members must be checked by using the following link:  <a href="http://www.dairytransport.co.uk/dtas/members.eb">http://www.dairytransport.co.uk/dtas/members.eb</a></p> <p>First purchaser must be a member of the RT First Purchaser Scheme. A list of RTA</p>	



			<p>first purchasers is available to view by using the RT checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p>
<b>CROPS</b>	Trace back to farm to verify that the cereals have been grown in the UK	<p>Farms must be RTA or Scottish Quality Crops (SQC) certified</p> <p>RTA status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>Historic date checking must be used.</p> <p>If applicable, the SQC member assurance status must be checked using:  <a href="https://www.sqcrops.co.uk/trader-login/">https://www.sqcrops.co.uk/trader-login/</a></p>	<p>For Transport, Trade Assurance Scheme for Combinable Crops (TASCC) or RTA farm member's own transport (inspected as part of the RT farm assurance assessment)</p> <p>For TASCC members, their assurance status must be checked by using the following link:  <a href="https://www.aictradeassurance.org.uk/assurance-checker">https://www.aictradeassurance.org.uk/assurance-checker</a></p>
<b>FRESH PRODUCE</b>	Trace back to farm to verify that the fresh produce has been grown in the UK	<p>Farms must be RTA</p> <p>RTA status must be checked by using the appropriate RTA checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p> <p>Historic date checking must be used.</p>	<p>No RTA transport currently required</p> <p>RTA licensed packhouse if packing fresh produce with a RTA claim. RTA Licence status can be checked by using the RT Licensee Checker:  <a href="https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb">https://checkers.redtractor.org.uk/rtassurance/services.eb</a></p>



## APPENDIX 1

List of Red Tractor Meat & Poultry Processing members (abattoirs) eligible to kill Enhanced Welfare chickens

Site Name	Site Address	Method of stun/kill
2 Sisters (Coupar Angus)	George Street, Coupar Angus, Blairgowrie, Perthshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
2 Sisters (Flixton)	Grange Road, Flixton, Bungay, Suffolk	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
2 Sisters (Llangefni)	Bryn Cefni Industrial Park, Llangefni, Anglesey, North Wales	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
2 Sisters (Sandycroft)	Glendale Avenue, Sandycroft, Flintshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
2 Sisters (Scunthorpe)	Ram Boulevard, Foxhills Industrial Park, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
2 Sisters (Willand)	Lloyd Maunder Road, Willand, Cullompton, Devon	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
A D Harvey	Beech Farm, Bunwell, Norwich, Norfolk	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)





Avara Foods (Brackley)	Willow Road, Brackley, Northamptonshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Banham Poultry	Station Road, Attleborough, Norfolk	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Capestone Organic Poultry	Walwyns Castle, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Cranswick Poultry	Cranswick House, Oaksmere Business Park, Eye Industrial Estate, Yaxley. Suffolk	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Freemans of Newent (Gloucestershire)	Gloucester Road, Newent, Gloucestershire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Freemans of Newent (Hereford)	Grandstand Road, Hereford	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
HCF Poultry	Station Yard, Station Road, Cullingworth, Yorkshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Maelor Foods	Pick Hill Lane, Cross Lane, Wrexham, North Wales	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Moy Park (Anwick)	Main Street, Anwick, Sleaford, Lincolnshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)



Moy Park (Ashbourne)	Blenheim Road, Airfield Industrial Estate, Ashbourne, Derbyshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Moy Park (Ballymena)	170 Larne Road, Ballymena	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Moy Park (Dungannon)	Killyman Road, Dungannon	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Noble Foods	Corringham Road, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)
Traditional Norfolk Poultry (TNP)	Oaktree Business Park, Hargham Road, Shropham, Norwich, Norfolk	Controlled Atmosphere (gas)

List of Red Tractor Meat & Poultry Processing members (abattoirs) **NOT** eligible to kill Enhanced Welfare chickens

Site Name	Site Address	Method of stun/kill
Baileys Turkeys	Dairy House Farm, Chester Road, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire	Electric water bath
Frank Bird Poultry	Underlyne, Langwathby, Penrith, Cumbria	Electric water bath



Gafoor Pure Halal	Fletcher Road, Preston, Lancs	Electric water bath
Highbury Poultry	Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire	Electric water bath
IHP Ltd.	Bell Farm, Shantock Hall Lane, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead	Electric water bath
Iqbal Poultry	Coulman Street, Thorne, Doncaster	Electric water bath
Shazan Foods	Magdalen Street, Eye, Suffolk	Electric water bath
T Soanes & Sons (Poultry) Ltd.	Church Hill Farm, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, Driffield, East Yorkshire	Electric water bath

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