



# The Poultry Club

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## **PRESS RELEASE – IMMEDIATE: Poultry Club of Great Britain agree GB-wide statement on the ‘standstill’ restrictions within the General Licence for show organisers and exhibitors**

### **Is there a 13-day standstill?**

No. The reference to “13-days” within the general licence, is offered as a clarification, secondary to the definition of a bird gathering, to provide a timeframe for those operating intermittent activities (such as internet sales) so that they can operate without being classified as a gathering.

It is not a movement ‘standstill’ or a ‘rule’ and does not apply to a participant's own birds, or to a participant that attends a poultry gathering. In practice, this means that there are no legal restrictions on birds returning to their place of origin after attending a show.

### **What is the “7-day rule” and how do I apply it, as a show organiser?**

It is a requirement of the general licence that the show organiser/licensee must distribute biosecurity advice to any participant, which includes the following best practice recommendations:

1. birds should be inspected for signs of illness before travelling to any gathering, and
2. any birds travelling home from a gathering (returning stock or new) should be isolated from other birds at the premises and monitored for signs of illness for at least 7 days.

Show organisers/licensees may wish to require evidence of the above “best practices” from their attendees, but their decision should take into account the specificities of their own situation and any limitations a requirement may pose.

Further information is available at:

- [Defra](#)
- [FAQ page on bird gatherings](#)
- [Welsh Government](#)

### **Ends**

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