

SCHEDULE 2

Additional conditions under which laying hens kept in battery cages must be kept

1. All cages shall comply with the following requirements—
 - (a) the cage area, measured in a horizontal plane, for each laying hen shall be not less than—
 - (i) 1000 cm² where one hen is kept in the cage;
 - (ii) 750 cm² where two hens are kept in the cage;
 - (iii) 550 cm² where three hens are kept in the cage, and
 - (iv) 450 cm² where four or more hens are kept in the cage;
 - (b) the minimum cage area for each laying hen shall be capable of being used without restriction and may include the area where the non-waste deflection plate (otherwise known as the egg guard) is placed so long as that area is capable of being so used;
 - (c) a feed trough of a length not less than 10 cm multiplied by the number of hens in the cage and capable of being used without restriction shall be provided;
 - (d) except where nipple drinkers and drinking cups are provided, the cage shall have a continuous drinking channel which shall be—
 - (i) not less than 10 cm multiplied by the number of hens in the cage; and
 - (ii) capable of being used without restriction;
 - (e) where drinking points are plumbed in, there shall be a minimum of two nipple drinkers or two drinking cups within reach of the cage;
 - (f) the height of the cage, for 65% of its area, shall be not less than 40 cm, and, for the remainder of the area, shall be not less than 35 cm (the height being obtained by a vertical line from the floor to the nearest point in the roof and the area being obtained by multiplying 450 cm² by the number of hens kept in the cage);
 - (g) the floor of the cage shall be constructed so as to support adequately each of the forward facing claws of each foot; and
 - (h) the slope of the floor shall not exceed 14% or 8 degrees, when made of rectangular wire mesh, and 21.3% or 12 degrees for other types of floor.