

Directions on Completing the Food Chain Information (FCI) Form for Farmed Game

This form will fulfil the obligations of the owner/ keeper (person in charge) under Regulation (EC) 853/2004 in relation to farmed game going for slaughter. The regulation is part of a pro-active 'farm to fork' approach to food safety controls in the European Community. It supports food safety management systems at slaughter plants by flagging potential hazards.

From Monday **18th Feb 2013**, all farmed game being presented for slaughter should be accompanied by the FCI form. If any animal or batch of animals arrives at the slaughterhouse without food chain information, the operator must immediately notify the official veterinarian (OV). Slaughter of the animal(s) may not take place until the OV so permits.

All parties (i.e. farmer, haulier and slaughterhouse operator) must sign the form in accordance with the directions below in order for slaughter to take place.

In the event that the herd owner/ keeper cannot sign the declaration at the end of the owner/ keeper section of Form A, he/she should also fill out the additional food chain information (Form B) and attach it to Form A.

Registration of Holdings sending Farmed Game to Slaughter

All holdings farming animals for placing on the market for human consumption need to be registered with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). If you have a herd number issued in respect of farming activities involving cattle, sheep and/or goats on the same holding as the deer this herd number fulfills the necessity to be registered and should be provided on the form. A number of holdings farming deer (and not cattle/sheep/goats) have already specifically registered with DAFM and have been issued a herd number.

For those farmed game holdings which are not registered, they must make immediate contact with their local DAFM Regional Veterinary Office to facilitate registration. For holdings which were unaware of this requirement, a grace period is being allowed to facilitate registration with DAFM. This will come to an end on Monday **8th April 2013**. From that date all farmed game being presented to slaughter must come from a registered holding and the herd number must be entered on the Food Chain Information Form.

Movement of Farmed Game from Northern Ireland directly to Slaughter

Farmed game from Northern Ireland moving directly to slaughter in ROI must be accompanied by FCI. This can either be on this form or on the FCI document approved by the authorities in Northern Ireland. Such animals must also be accompanied by a health certificate.

See following pages for more detailed directions.

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Food Chain Information (Farmed Game)

(FCI_FG1 Form A)

(In accordance with the EU Food Hygiene Regulations)

To be completed by the **OWNER/KEEPER** of the Farmed Game

Name and Address of Owner _____

Herd/ Holding Number

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Number of Farmed Game: Deer Rabbits Other, please specify: _____

Destination of Farm Game (Name of Slaughterplant): _____

Declaration to be signed by Owner/ Keeper:

I declare that to the best of my knowledge in relation to the farmed game animals above:

- The farm/ holding of origin is not under disease restriction
- The animals on the holding are healthy and have not tested positive for any condition that might render their meat unfit for human consumption
- No substance has been given to the animals which might render their meat unfit for human consumption
- All prescribed medication withdrawal periods have been observed
- All animals in the load are healthy and in a fit condition to be transported to the slaughter house
- The means of transport is suitable and in a hygienic condition at time of loading

Only sign below if the animals fulfil all the above statements. Otherwise do not sign and provide additional information on Form B.

Signature: _____ Owner/ Keeper Date: ____/____/____ Time of Loading: _____

To be completed by the **HAULIER**

Name: _____ Vehicle Registration No: _____

I declare that the transport vehicle was clean at the time of loading and that all the farmed game and could be transported in this vehicle without undue pain or undue suffering

Haulier's Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by the **SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATOR**

Date of Arrival of Consignment: ____/____/____ Time of Arrival of consignment: ____:____

I have requested, received and checked the Food Chain Information for the Farmed Game described above. They have been examined by me and (with the exception of the ____ animals that were dead on arrival) as far as I can judge:

Do not come from a restricted holding or area Are healthy Are clean
 Are in a satisfactory state as regards welfare Are accepted by me and are presented

FBO's signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by the **OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

I have inspected and analysed the Food Chain Information for the ____ Farmed Game described above. _____ that the welfare of ____ Farmed Game in the consignment has been compromised either during transport or in the lairage. There is evidence that the welfare of ____ Farmed Game in the consignment has been compromised. In my opinion,

- ____ Farmed Game show no signs of any condition which might adversely affect their health
- ____ Farmed Game have been detained at ante-mortem inspection and require supplement post-mortem inspections for the reasons entered on the AME1 form
- ____ Farmed Game have failed ante-mortem inspection for the following reasons: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Owner or keeper (person in charge) to insert name and address of herdowner, herd number, total number of farmed game and destination.

DECLARATION
See notes in blue italics on page 4.

Owner/ keeper must only sign here when satisfied that all points in the declaration are correct.

Where the owner/ keeper is unable to sign the declaration, the Additional Food Chain Information (Form B) must also be completed, signed, and attached to this form.

Haulier completes second declaration, including vehicle registration number and DAFM approval number

Slaughterhouse operator completes this section of the form. Any animals that don't meet the criteria outlined must be detained and brought to the immediate attention of the Official Veterinarian.

This section is completed by the Official Veterinarian and can only be completed when all the prior sections have been completed and declarations signed.

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ADDITIONAL FOOD CHAIN INFORMATION (Farmed Game) Form B

Form B should only be completed if the herd owner/ keeper is unable to sign the declaration required on Form A.

Name and Address of the Private Veterinary Practitioner normally attending the holding:

Information about animals showing signs of a disease or condition, or coming from holding with a disease or condition, that may affect the safety of meat derived from them.

Farmers are obliged to inform the slaughterhouse who is their vet. Form B can be presented on a one-off occasion with the vet's details.

Identification of animals – or attach list	

Individual animal identification is necessary where information here doesn't pertain to the whole consignment.

Describe any relevant diseases or conditions that may affect the safety of the meat (or diagnosis if a veterinary surgeon has examined the animal (s)) *	
Describe any analysis of samples taken from animals on the holding, or other samples, showing that the animals in this consignment may have been exposed to any disease or condition that may affect the safety of the meat or to substances likely to result in residues in meat *	

e.g. Where TB has been suspected or diagnosed in farmed deer either the last time animals were sent to slaughter, or within the last 12 months.

* Delete if not applicable

Withdrawal periods have been observed for all veterinary medicines and other treatments administered to the animals while on this holding and previous holdings.

Where there are also cattle on the holding and the holding is under restriction due to bovine TB this must also be reported on Form B for any farmed game moving to slaughter.

Owner/ Keeper's signature	
Print name	
Date	

Further details on TB & Farmed Deer below.

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Owner/Keeper Declaration to Slaughter Plant Explained

- The farm/ holding of origin is not under disease restriction. *[Where the farm has been placed under restriction by the local Regional Veterinary Office e.g. the herd maybe restricted due to TB in either the farmed deer or cattle on the holding:*
 - *Complete the owner/ keeper section of Form A but do not sign the declaration*
 - *Record details of the restriction on Form B*
 - *Make details of the restriction known to the slaughterhouse **in advance** so that separation in the lairage may be initiated if necessary to prevent cross-contamination]*

- The animals on the holding are healthy and have not tested positive for any condition that might render their meat unfit for human consumption. *[Your veterinary surgeon may have diagnosed a condition in your herd (for example salmonella infection) which might suggest that extra precautions should be taken during slaughter and/or post-mortem inspection of your animals].*

- No substance has been given to the animals which might render their meat unfit for human consumption. *[For example, no growth promoters have been given to the animals either in feed or by way of injection, dosing, etc.]*

- All prescribed medication withdrawal periods have been observed. *[If antibiotics, worm doses, etc. have been given to the animals, the relevant withdrawal period has been observed.]*

- All animals in the load are healthy and in a fit condition to be transported to the slaughter house. *[Animal welfare rules require that animals must not be transported if to do so would cause unnecessary suffering.]*

- The means of transport is suitable and in a hygienic condition at the time of loading. *[Animal welfare rules require that animals must not be transported in overcrowded conditions or in unsuitable transport vehicles.]*

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Note regarding Farmed Deer and TB

- Where Tuberculosis has been **confirmed** in farmed deer from the holding by way of post-mortem results at the slaughterhouse, or by on-farm testing by a veterinary practitioner, the owner/ keeper still fills in the owner/ keeper section of Form A, but must not sign the declaration on Form A. Instead of signing the declaration, s/he must also complete Form B and record the details on this form.
- Where Tuberculosis is **suspected** in farmed deer from the holding by way of post-mortem at the slaughterhouse, and awaiting laboratory confirmation, the owner/ keeper still fills in the owner/ keeper section of Form A, but must not sign the declaration on Form A. Instead of signing the declaration, s/he must also complete Form B and record the details on this form.
- Where cattle are also maintained on the holding and the holding is **restricted** by the local DAFM Regional Veterinary Office due to bovine TB, the owner/ keeper still fills in the owner/ keeper section of Form A, but must not sign the declaration on Form A. Instead of signing the declaration, s/he must also complete Form B and record the details on this form.
- Under S.I. 101/2008 owners/ keepers/ persons in charge of farmed deer, or their private veterinary practitioner, have a statutory obligation to inform their local DAFM Regional Veterinary Office in the event that TB is suspected or confirmed in farmed deer on their holding.