

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ORDER OF: * ORDER# AH 02-2020
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE * AUTHORITY: Agriculture
Article, §§ 3-101 *et seq.*,
TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF * Annotated Code of Maryland
ANIMAL DISEASES IN THIS STATE * EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/6/2020

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ORDER OF THE SECRETARY GOVERNING AUCTION MARKETS, LIVE
BIRD MARKETS AND OTHER MARKETS WHERE POULTRY BROUGHT FOR
EXHIBITION OR SALE

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza is a contagious and infectious animal disease that can devastate the economically important Maryland poultry industry,

WHEREAS, there has been an outbreak of Avian Influenza in certain other states, which has resulted in the destruction of flocks in those states,

WHEREAS, the movement and commingling of poultry for any purpose within, into, and out of the State poses a high risk of disease spread,

WHEREAS, a process for tracing the movement of birds to sites of commingling for sale and subsequent dispersal is needed, and

WHEREAS the Secretary has determined that there is a need to extend the requirements of Order # 04-2018 due to the continuing threat of an Avian Influenza outbreak that now involves new strains of Avian Influenza in our poultry markets.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to Agriculture Article, §§ 3-101 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture ("MDA"), on this 6th day of January, 2020, having found cause to extend Order # 04-2018 (that was issued on September 1, 2018) for an additional six months, hereby Orders:

A. Terms defined. For the purposes of this Order, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

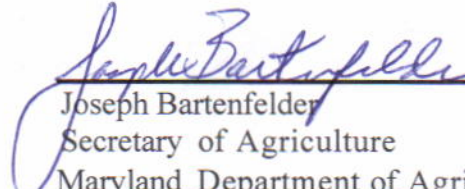
- (1) "Auction Market" means any place where a producer, dealer, wholesaler, distributor or retailer meet to purchase or sell live poultry or hatching eggs at auction, that has been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") and MDA to operate as an auction market.
- (2) "Avian influenza" means an infection or disease of poultry caused by viruses in the family Orthomyxoviridae, genus Influenza virus A.
- (3) "Baby Poultry" means newly hatched poultry.
- (4) "Department" means the Maryland Department of Agriculture or MDA.
- (5) "Hatching eggs" means fertile eggs that can be incubated and hatched.
- (6) "Live Bird Market" means any facility (including botanica, poultry store, or custom slaughter) that sells live poultry for onsite slaughter or for offsite ritual use.
- (7) "Other Market" means a place to purchase, sell, barter poultry or their hatching eggs including, but not limited to, farmers' markets, flea markets, swap meets, botanicas and internet web-sites, but is not approved by the USDA as an approved livestock facility.
- (8) "Poultry" means any domesticated fowl, including but not limited to chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds, except doves and pigeons, which are bred for the primary purpose of producing eggs or meat.

B. Auction Market, Live Bird Market, and Other Markets.

- (1) A person who operates an auction market, live bird market or other market where poultry brought for sale that is located in Maryland shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) Register under the Maryland Poultry Registration Program;
 - (b) Notify the Department in writing, providing the name, place, and inclusive dates and hours of the event at least 30 days before the event, unless notice has otherwise been provided to MDA in the USDA approval process for Auction Markets.
 - (c) For the period of time specified in (d) below, keep the following records for each sale or purchase of poultry:
 - (i) The name, address, phone number of the buyer and seller;
 - (ii) The quantity, type, species of poultry bought and sold;
 - (iii) Official identification if applied; and
 - (iv) The date of the transaction;
 - (d) Maintain the records noted in (c) above for one year from the date of

each transaction, except auction markets and live bird markets, which shall maintain these records for three years from the date of each transaction;

- (e) Allow the Department to have access to and to copy any required records during regular business hours;
- (2) The Secretary may order diagnostic testing or other actions deemed necessary to control the introduction and spread of Avian Influenza or other contagious or infectious poultry diseases at an auction market, live bird market or other market.
- C. Duration. This Order takes effect immediately and shall be effective through July 5, 2020, unless the danger of additional disease has passed and it is revoked earlier by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- D. Violations. A person who violates this Order is subject to criminal and administrative penalties as provided under Maryland law. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture may impose a quarantine order on any poultry, hatching eggs, eggs or nest-run eggs found in this State in violation of this Order.
- E. Contact Person. If a person affected by this Order has questions, the person may contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (410) 841-5810.



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