

Wild game guidance: Annexes

All annexes for the wild game guidance, including templates, a bibliography, acronyms and a glossary.

Annex A: Hunter's Declaration Information (example templates)

Large wild game

Tag Number: Date/Time of Kill: Location/Estate: Sex: M F	Species: Other: Weight: (Kgs)
<p>I declare in accordance with assimilated Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 (as amended) that no abnormal behaviour was observed before killing and there is no indication of environmental contamination. I have inspected the head, pluck and viscera without observing abnormalities.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Trained Person Number:</p> <p>Trained Person Qualification:</p> <p>Contact Details:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Signature:</p>	

Small wild

Date/Time of Kill:
Location/Estate:
Number in Batch:
Species:
Observations:
Trained Person Qualification:
Trained Person Number:
Contact Details:
Name:
Signature:

Annex B: Bibliography

For further information you may wish to look at the following sites:

- [The British Association for Shooting and Conservation \(BASC\)](#)

- [The British Deer Society](#)
- [British Deer Veterinary Association](#)
- [British Game Alliance](#)
- [The Code of Shooting Practice](#)
- [Countryside Alliance](#)
- [County Sports Ireland](#)
- [Deer Management Qualifications](#)
- [Federation of Associations for Country Sports in Europe \(FACE-UK\)](#)
- [National Gamekeepers' Organisation](#)
- [National Game Dealers' Association](#)
- [Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons](#)
- [Scotland's Nature Agency \(formerly Scottish National Heritage\)](#)
- [Wild Game | Food Standards Scotland](#)

Annex C: Acronyms

Abbreviation	Full title/name
ABP	Animal-by-product
AGHE	Approved Game Handling Establishments
APHA	Animal and Plant Health Agency
DAERA	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
FBO	Food Business Operator
FSA	Food Standards Agency
FSMS	Food Safety Management system
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points
LA	Local Authority
MHI	Meat Hygiene Inspector
ND	Notifiable Disease
NI	Northern Ireland
OV	Official Veterinarian
REUL	Retained European Union Law
ROI	Republic of Ireland
UK	United Kingdom

Annex D: Glossary

- **"Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)"** is the UK Government Agency which is part of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and responsible for animal and plant health in the UK. [Contact APHA](#).
- **"Animal By-Product (ABP)"** means the entire bodies or parts of animals, products of animal origin or other products obtained from animals, which are not intended for human consumption, including oocytes, embryos and semen. Refer to section 9 for further information.
- **"Approval"** refers to the requirement for food business operators – at Article 4 by the specific hygiene rules applying to businesses - to only place products of animal origin on the market if they have been produced in establishments approved by the competent authority.
- **"Approved Game Handling Establishment (AGHE)"** means an approved establishment in which wild game and wild game meat obtained after hunting are prepared for placing on the market. Activities are limited to evisceration, skinning and/or plucking which prepare the wild game for placing on the market.

- **"Carcase"** means the body of an animal after slaughter and dressing (evisceration, skinning and/or plucking).
- **"Competent Authority (CA)"** means the authority responsible for ensuring compliance with the relevant food hygiene regulations, the performance of official food controls and of other official activities, in accordance with the official controls regulation and the rules referred to in Article 1(2).
- **"Critical Control Points (CCP)"** means any step in a process in which hazards can be prevented, eliminated, or reduced to acceptable levels. Examples of CCPs may include include: chilling, testing, cooking.
- **"Cross-contamination"** means the action by which bacteria or other microorganisms are unintentionally transferred from one substance or object to another, with a harmful effect.
- **"Evisceration"** means the process of removing viscera from the bodies of wild game. Sometimes referred to as 'gralloching'.
- **"Farmed game"** is defined in food hygiene regulations as farmed ratites and farmed land mammals other than domestic bovine, porcine, caprine and ovine animals and domestic solipeds. Farmed game includes deer and boar produced by farming. All meat from farmed game placed on the market must be produced in approved slaughterhouses.
- **"Final consumer"** means the ultimate consumer of a foodstuff who will not use the food as part of any food business operation or activity.
- **"Food Business Operator (FBO)"** means the natural or legal persons responsible for ensuring that the requirements of food law are met within the food business under their control.
- **"Food Safety Management System (FSMS)"** means a permanent procedure put in place by a FBO, based on the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points principles, and used as an tool to help FBOs attain a higher standard of food safety.
- **"HACCP"** means Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points. HACCP is a system that helps you identify potential food hazards and introduce procedures to make sure those hazards are removed or reduced to an acceptable level.
- **"Hazard"** means a biological, chemical, or physical agent in, or condition of, food or feed with the potential to cause an adverse health effect.
- **"Lagomorphs"** include rabbits, hares and rodents
- **"Local supply"** means supply within the same Local Authority, in immediately neighbouring Local Authorities or those situated no more than 30 miles/50 kilometres from the boundary of the supplier's Local Authority , whichever is greater – but never beyond the UK, except supply from Northern Ireland to the Republic of Ireland.
- **"Normal hunting practices"** include actions regularly carried out in the act of hunting activity, including bleeding and gralloching.
- **"Notifiable Diseases (ND)"** are animal diseases that you are legally obliged to report to APHA, even if you only suspect that an animal may be affected. If you suspect that wild game has a ND you must contact APHA. Read further information on [notifiable diseases and contact details](#).
- **"Offal"** means fresh meat other than that of the carcase, including viscera and blood.
- **"Green offal"** means the stomach, intestines and related tissues of the wild game body, which are the contents of the abdominal cavity of the wild game body.
- **"Red offal"** means other parts of offal which do not fall under the definition of green offal, including the liver, heart, lungs etc.
- **"Placing on the market"** means the holding of food or feed for the purpose of sale, including offering for sale or any other form of transfer, whether free of charge or not, and the sale, distribution, and other forms of transfer themselves.
- **"Primary Production"** means the production, rearing or growing of primary products including harvesting, milking and farmed animal production prior to slaughter. It also includes hunting and fishing and the harvesting of wild products.
- **"Primary Products"** means the products of primary production including products of the soil, of stock farming, of hunting and fishing.

- **“Processing”** means any action that substantially alters the initial product, including heating, smoking, curing, maturing, drying, marinating, extraction, extrusion or a combination of those processes.
- **“Registration”** refers to the requirement for FBOs - set out at Article 6 by the general requirements for the hygiene of foodstuffs - to register premises involved in food production with the relevant CA, this is your LA.
- **“Retail”** is defined as the handling and/or processing of food and its storage at the point of sale or delivery to the final consumer, and includes distribution terminals, catering operations, factory canteens, institutional catering, restaurants and other similar food service operations, shops, supermarket distribution centres and wholesale outlets.
- **“Restricted supply”** means the supply of wild game and wild game meat to other retail establishments is restricted by the requirements to be marginal and local.
- **“Small quantities”** is regarded as self-defining because demand for wild game and wild game meat from final consumers and local retailers that supply directly to final consumers is limited.
- **“Trained person”** refers to a person who has undertaken appropriate training to be able to carry out an initial examination of the wild game in the field, to identify any characteristics that may indicate that the meat presents a health risk.
- **“Viscera”** means the organs of the thoracic, abdominal and pelvic cavities, as well as the trachea and oesophagus and, in birds, the crop.
- **“Wild game”** means wild birds that are hunted for human consumption as well as wild ungulates, lagomorphs and other land mammals that are hunted for human consumption. These include mammals living in enclosed territory under conditions of freedom similar to those of wild game.
- ? **“Small wild game”** means wild game birds and lagomorphs living freely in the wild.
- ? **“Large wild game”** means wild land mammals living freely in the wild that do not fall within the definition of small wild game.
- **“Wild Game Meat”** is defined as the edible parts of wild game, including blood.