

**Continuation of Quail Trade
Under Segregation Policy**

To minimize the risk of recurrence of avian flu virus similar to the lethal 1997 virus, the Administration aims to segregate the sale and delivery of live quail from other live birds at all levels. Traders or farmers can sell live and dressed quail in Hong Kong so long as they can find a suitable site to sell their quail and meet the relevant licensing considerations for "animal traders" and "fresh provision shops".

2 Below, we have briefly highlighted a few scenarios for the continuation of quail trade under the segregation policy, subject to the licensing considerations at the **Annex**.

- Retail sale of live or dressed quail on premises directly associated with farms.
- Retail sale of live and dressed quail at dedicated outlets.
- Retail sale of live and dressed quail at outlets where non-poultry food items such as vegetables and dry groceries are sold but without other live poultry.

3. Provided that quail can be segregated from other live birds and the relevant licensing considerations at the **Annex** are met, we will consider licence application from anyone proposing other suggestions for sale of live or dressed quail.

**Environment and Food Bureau/
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department/
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

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Type of Licence	Required by	Licensing Consideration
Animal Trader Licence (Issued by AFCD)	Anyone establishing premises for sale of live quail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a favourable environment to ensure health and welfare of the birds including proper accommodation for all quail • No incompatible animal/bird species or marketing activities in the vicinity e.g. sale of live chickens • Maintaining proper hygiene and standards of cleanliness of the location • No other food animals/birds and pet animals to be sold on the same premises
Fresh Provision Shop Licence (Issued by FEHD)	Anyone establishing premises for retail sale of live or dressed quail.	<p>(A) Establishing premises directly associated with a farm for retail sale of dressed quail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examining suitability of building structure including consideration of means of escape and effluent discharge from the premises • Ensuring that floors and internal surfaces of walls surrounding the business area for sale of live quail shall be surfaced with smooth light coloured non-absorbent material • Provision of public water mains and proper drainage system • Ensuring that all cages for storage of live quail should be made up of stainless steel or other durable, smooth, impervious and non-absorbent material, and be fitted with removable trays for reception of droppings • Provision of appropriate air extraction system • Ensuring proper structure with scalding facilities fully segregated from other parts of the premises where live quail are fed and/or stored

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of adequate sanitary fitrnents including ablution facilities • Provision of a scalding room of adequate size (in proper proportion to the business area for sale of quail) fitted with bleeding trough, scalding tanks, working tables and sinks • Provision of refrigerator or chiller for the storage or display for sale of dressed quails at a temperature between 0 and 10 degree Celsius, preferably at 4 degree Celsius • Requiring documentation of proper flow of operation including method and routing of transportation of quail, quail handling process, method of waste disposal, etc. and ensuring that they are in line with food hygiene standards <p>(B) Establishing dedicated outlets for retail sale of live and dressed quail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All licensing considerations for item (A) above apply • Ensuring that no poultry stalls are present in the vicinity • Ensuring that size of the premises is proper • Ensuring that supply sources of live quail are legitimate <p>(C) Establishing premises at outlets with other non-poultry food items for retail sale of live and dressed quail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All licensing considerations for items (A) and (B) above apply
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