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Environment Agency
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010
Regulation 38(1)(b)**

Poultry sites with places for more than 40,000 birds require an environmental permit from the Environment Agency in order to operate legally. It has come to light in a number of prosecution cases that companies have supplied more than 40,000 birds to poultry sites that did not have a permit.

Companies supplying more than 40,000 birds to an unpermitted site could be committing an offence under Regulation 38(1)(b) of the above legislation of knowingly causing the operation of a regulated facility without a permit. 'Birds' includes chicks, or pullets, or both. Similarly companies supplying more birds than allowed under a permit could be committing an offence.

The maximum penalty in the magistrates' court for a company is a fine of up to a £50,000 for each offence.

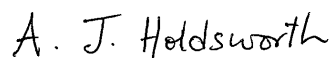
I recommend that you check whether your customers hold an environmental permit, if required. Details of the Environment Agency's public register can be found and searched online here:

<http://epr.environment-agency.gov.uk/ePRInternet/SearchRegisters.aspx>

You can also contact our permitting support centre via our national customer contact centre on 08708 506 506 to check if sites are permitted. If the site does not hold a permit then you should not supply more than 40,000 birds

If you have any questions about this letter please contact me on the details listed below.

Yours faithfully



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