

To all keepers of Schedule 4 birds in
Wales

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AMENDMENT TO BREEDING SEASON LETTER DATED 05/03/2009
Section 2. Rings and microchips

We no longer supply closed rings for Schedule 4 birds to keepers in Wales.
Therefore you are required to permanently mark your bird(s) with either a:

Closed Ring

You are responsible for obtaining and fitting your own breeder's rings. We can supply you with a list of ring suppliers but cannot recommend which supplier should be used (see our website for contact details at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/CITES/birdregistration/links.htm>).

You are responsible for ensuring your closed rings are uniquely numbered. There is no prescriptive requirement for how this should be done, but could for example include a post code, breeder's initials, tel no (etc) in the sequential number.

If a ring number has already been recorded on the Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service database, we will inform you that we cannot register it under that ring number, and the bird must be microchipped and registered under that number.

For a fuller explanation of ringing requirements, please see our website <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/CITES/news/080922-birdregchanges.htm>

Or

Microchip

Where the Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service are satisfied that the physical or behavioral properties of a bird do not allow the safe fitting of a ring, the bird can be registered under a microchip number. The microchip which you have sourced yourself, must comply with ISO Standards 11784:1996 (E) and 11785:1996 (E). As soon as this has been done you must notify us by completing a Declaration Of Ringing Form (DOR) to register the bird(s). You may request copies of the DOR

from your case officers who will pre-populate it with your details before sending the forms out.

When completing the DOR please ensure that all numbers and letters that appear on the closed ring are clearly printed on the form and in the case of microchip numbers you should provide us with the barcode sticker provided by the microchip company.

The form must be completed in full. An incomplete form will be returned to you to add any missing information and the bird(s) will remain unregistered. It is not essential to identify the sex of the bird as this can be added at a later date.

If you have any queries about this amendment please contact your case officer for clarification.

Yours faithfully

Pete Barrett