Additional Risk Mitigation Measures

For those keepers who wish to provide their birds with controlled access to outside areas must ensure that they introduce the following additional risk mitigation measures:

a) before allowing poultry to use a range after a period of housing, the range must be checked and any contamination from wild birds or other contaminated material must be removed;

b) regularly clean and disinfect any hard surface walkways (e.g. concrete) on site and improve any gravel pathways;

c) stop all non-essential access to the premises, ensuring gates are locked to prevent accidental access;
   - where access is essential, evaluate the risk associated with entry and take the necessary steps to mitigate this risk;

d) use dedicated footwear and clothing for the poultry and other captive birds area;

e) ensure the effective cleansing and disinfection of all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), vehicles and machinery entering the site;

f) provide and maintain disinfection points using approved disinfectants at the appropriate concentration at key points on the site;

g) ensure that feeding and watering of poultry or other captive birds is not done outside;

h) police the range for wild birds – especially identifying and removing (in a bio-secure manner) carcases of wild birds;

i) taking additional measures to discourage wild birds;

j) fencing off and netting of ponds, or heavily poached areas leading to standing water;
   - where netting of a pond is not possible, your birds should be prevented from accessing that part of the range area.