General Licence

GL 17/2016: SALE OF GOOSE MEAT BY CATERERS IN THE UISTS

Period valid: 24 August 2016 to 31 March 2017 unless previously revoked

Licence purpose: Sale

Legislation: S16(4)(a) Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

Area valid: Scotland

Reporting requirements: None

What is a General Licence?

A General Licence allows authorised persons to carry out activities that would normally be illegal. You do not need to apply for a General Licence but in order to use one you must ensure that you meet all of the criteria, terms and conditions stated in the Licence.

You can only use a General Licence for the purpose, species and activities specified. Failure to use it in this way or to abide by any one of the conditions may invalidate the Licence and could lead to prosecution.

Terms and Conditions of General Licence 17/2016

What this General Licence allows:

1. Subject to compliance with all other terms and conditions, this General Licence permits authorised persons to sell greylag goose meat shot between 24 August 2016 and 31 March 2017 as part of the Uist Adaptive Management Pilot in prepared meals sold by caterers*. It does not cover the sale of any other goose meat.

   *For the purposes of this Licence the term ‘caterers’ covers hotels, restaurants, pubs, cafes, guest houses, bed and breakfasts and other caterers selling prepared food to the final consumer.

Who can use this General Licence and under what circumstances?

2. This General Licence can only be used by authorised persons. Authorised persons are caterers selling greylag goose meat that has been taken as part of the Lewis and Harris Adaptive Management Pilot and that has been bought from a licensed seller.

3. Authorised persons using this General Licence must:
   • understand its terms and conditions and comply with them
   • only use it for the purpose specified

4. You may not use this General Licence if you were convicted of a wildlife crime on or after 1st January 2011 unless, in respect of that offence, you were either dismissed with an
admonition, you are a rehabilitated person (for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and your conviction is spent) or a court discharged you absolutely. Any person not able to use the General Licence can still apply to Scottish Natural Heritage for an individual licence.

Recording requirements under this General Licence

5. Persons using this Licence must keep a record of all geese or goose meat purchased. This record must include the name and licence number of the seller.

6. Persons who have purchased geese or goose meat must make the above records available for inspection if requested by the police, SNH or an Authorised Officer of Environmental Health, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

Definitions

For the purposes of this General Licence;


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