

## LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR VENISON DEALERS' LICENCES

1. The licence holder shall keep a book in which shall be entered records in the prescribed form of all purchases and receipts of venison by him and shall enter in such book forthwith the prescribed particulars of such purchases and receipts.
2. The licence holder shall produce for inspection by an authorised person or constable -
  - a. any book kept in pursuance of condition 1 above;
  - b. all invoices, consignment notes, receipts and other documents (including copies of them where the originals are not available) which may be required to verify any entry in such book; and
  - c. all venison in his possession or under his control, or on premises or vehicles under his control,and shall allow any authorised person or constable to take copies of such book or documents or extracts therefrom.
3. The Licence holder shall keep every book, which is required to be kept in accordance with Condition 1 above, until the end of the period of three years beginning with the day on which the last entry was made in the book, and shall also keep all documents, as are mentioned in Condition 2b above, for a period of three years beginning with the date of the entry to which they refer.

These conditions are attached without prejudice to any requirement of, or reciprocal arrangement allowed by, the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996.

### Note:

In the above conditions "*prescribed form*" and "*prescribed particulars*" mean the form and particulars prescribed by The Venison Dealers (Prescribed Forms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984, and "*authorised person*" means any person authorised in writing by the Secretary of State or by the Deer Commission for Scotland in terms of Section 34 of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996. A copy of the "*prescribed form*" is attached as appendix 1 to this licence.

It is an offence to obstruct an authorised person or constable making an inspection under Section 34 of that Act.

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## Guidance

These guidance notes are attached for the information of a licence-holder or applicant for licence. They do not form part any licence with which they may be issued.

### **VENISON DEALING IN SCOTLAND**

**The legal requirements for venison dealing in Scotland are contained within the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 Sections 33-36. The Licensing of Venison Dealers (Prescribed forms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984 details how venison dealer's records must be maintained. The following are extracts from legislation and are for the guidance of Councils, venison dealers and any persons in possession of venison.**

- Any person who sells, offers or exposes for sale, or has in his possession, transports or causes to be transported for the purpose of sale at any premises, any venison shall be guilty of an offence unless, he is a licensed venison dealer, or he does the act constituting the offence for the purpose of selling to a licensed venison dealer, or he has purchased the venison from a licensed venison dealer.
- A venison dealer's licence is required in addition to any game dealer's licence which may already be held.
- Venison means the carcass or any edible part of the carcass of a deer, and deer means deer of any species and includes farmed deer.
- A venison dealer's licence is obtainable from a local council.
- A council may grant venison dealer's licence to any person whom they consider fit to deal in venison.
- A venison dealer's licence shall be valid for a period of three years (unless the dealer has been disqualified from holding a licence by reason of his conviction of any offence under the Act).
- Every council which grants a venison dealer's licence, shall send a copy of the licence as soon as possible to the Deer Commission for Scotland.
- Every council which grants a venison dealer's licence shall, as soon as possible after the first day of January in each year, make a return to the Deer Commission for Scotland of the names and addresses of the persons who on the day held a venison dealer's licence issued by the council.



### **Offences in connection with Venison Dealing**

- Any person who sells, offers or exposes for sale; has in his possession for the purpose of sale at any premises; transports for the purpose of sale; or purchases or offers to purchase or receives, the carcass of a deer, or any part of such a carcass, which he knows or has reason to believe has been killed unlawfully shall be guilty of an offence.
  - Any licensed venison dealer who fails to enter details of purchase or, who knowingly or recklessly makes in any book or document an entry, which is false or misleading, shall be guilty of an offence.
  - Any person who obstructs an authorised person or a police officer making an inspection of any book, document, or vehicle in connection with venison dealing shall be guilty of an offence.
  - Sale includes barter, exchange and other transactions by which venison is disposed of for value.
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## APPENDIX 1

### Form of Records of Purchase and Receipts of Venison to be kept by Licensed Venison Dealers

| Date of purchase or receipt* | Species | Place where deer killed e.g. name of estate, agricultural holding, or forest | Name and address of seller, or in the case of receipt the source from which the venison was received | Registration number of vehicle delivering venison | Particulars of carcasses purchased or received |            |            | Particulars of parts of carcasses purchased or received |                        |        |
|------------------------------|---------|--|--|---|--|------------|------------|---|------------------------|--------|
|                              |         |  |  |   | Male   | Female     | Total      | Number (or parts)                                       | Description (or parts) | Weight |
|                              |         |  |  |   | No. Weight                                     | No. Weight | No. Weight |   |                        |        |
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\* Where the venison comes from deer killed by the dealer (including his employee or agent), enter date of killing.

x Where the venison comes from deer killed by the dealer (including his employee or agent), enter 'killed by dealer'.