

RSPCA Pullet Standards Technical Advisory Group

on Tuesday 21st May 2019

Meeting summary notes

Raised perch standards

The group discussed potential amendments and clarifications to the perching standards, in terms of space, placement/location, movement, and the ability for birds to have a perception of height which is important for their welfare.

Overstocking

Members discussed the issue of non-compliance where the maximum stocking density is exceeded due to low mortality. The group discussed the need to liaise with RSPCA Assured in such situations and to provide evidence that this is a result of unexpected low mortalities or exceptional circumstances.

WOA for pullets update

The RSPCA's work on Welfare Outcome Assessment was discussed and members of the group shared their views on the draft measures such as feather pecking, feather loss and mortality.