Clarification to Pullet Weighing – Standard P2.9.1

Issued & Effective February 19, 2021

The Standard P2.9.1 of G.A.P.’s Animal Welfare Pilot Standards for Pullets v1.1 states: “Pullet rearers must regularly weigh pullets in order to assess evenness of growth.”

This standard was created to encourage pullet rearers to ensure they were supplying laying hen producers with point of lay birds that were fit for purpose, with uniformity in body weight and health status within the flock.

However, for laying hen operations that rear their own pullets on the same site or under direct control of the laying operation, G.A.P. will waive adherence to this standard, as long as mortality (attributable to pullet quality) at the laying operation does not exceed the threshold laid out in Section 2.10 of G.A.P.’s Animal Welfare Pilot Standards for Laying Hens v1.1.