Wildlife Licence Consultation

Clarifications 17th January 2018

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1. Licence A37
The wording for Licence A37 in the “Appendix to Wildlife Licence Consultation – all licence fees and exemptions” document should read “European Protected Species” (without the reference to dead specimens). This licence can be used for both live and dead specimens.

2. Voluntary work
Voluntary Bat Roost Visitor licences CL15 and CL16 are uncharged. Licence holders that hold their licences exclusively for education, conservation or conservation science projects, such as the National Bat Monitoring Programme, will not be charged. This applies to survey licences for species such as bats, great crested newts and hazel dormice.

3. Organisational licences
Licences issued to organisations do not appear in this consultation. Most licences issued to organisations fall within one of the exemption categories and therefore will not be charged for.

4. Forestry sector
Additional clarification on the scope of exemptions in relation to EPS licences for forestry and woodland management:
We propose to exempt from charges applications for European Protected Species (EPS) licences relating to ongoing forestry and woodland management where operations are conducted in accordance with agreed good practice (as referenced in the UK Forestry Standard).
EPS licence applications for woodland operations that fall outside good practice guidance or which result in a land-use change (e.g. development), and which do not otherwise qualify for a charge-exempted purpose, would be chargeable.

5. Black-headed gull licences
Licences A22 and A23 for the taking and selling of black-headed gull eggs have been removed from the proposal under consultation.