

As a result of our consultation, Natural England has issued the following statement regarding the sale of Carolinas and Mandarins. We will continue to liase with them to resolve the issue fully.

Natural England clarification re the sale of non-close rung Mandarin and Carolina (wood) duck

Since 1 January 2011, Mandarin and Carolina ducks have not been included within appendix 2 of General Licence (WML-GL18) – which permits the sale of captive bred waterfowl without a close-ring. Please be aware that this apparent administrative error means the sale of these two species is not currently permitted under General Licence. Natural England will seek their re-instatement to Appendix 2 at the earliest available opportunity.

In the meantime, individuals wishing to sell un-rung captive-bred Mandarin and Carolina ducks must apply for an individual licence in order to do so by using application form WML-A20. This application form requires evidence of captive breeding. The evidence required to support the application remains the same as that required for the General Licence, i.e. documentary proof of captive breeding. This may be in the form of a simple statement or supporting letter clarifying that the birds were legally bred in captivity (including any identifying features such as rings or microchip numbers of parent birds).

Please contact Natural England if you require further clarification.

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