

Alan Bell

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Our Reference: FOI 2360

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Dear Mr. Bell,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Further to your request for information which was received by us on 29 November 2018, I am now in a position to respond.

I am handling your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

I can confirm that the Food Standards Agency (FSA) holds information falling within the terms of your request.

The information that you have requested is provided for in Annex A to this letter.

Please note that all the information that has been provided in response to this request will be published on the FSA website in due course.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me on the details provided in the footer of this letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not satisfied with the way the FSA has handled your request for information, you should write within two calendar months of the date of this letter to the FOI, Complaints and Transparency Team, and ask for an internal review. They will arrange for the Complaints Coordinator to conduct the review. Their address is Food Standards Agency, Floors 6 and 7 Clive House, 70 Petty France, Westminster, London SW1H 9EX (email: FCT@food.gov.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FSA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or through the website at: www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Harrison
EU Exit Coordinator
Food Standards Agency

Annex A

Request

Please could you provide the following information

- 1) confirmation that the FSA will be the competent authority for the UK as set out in Article 12, Regulation 854/2004
- 2) Your residue monitoring plan (in accordance with Council Directive 96/23/EC) for the category of food of animal origin
- 3) details of the salmonella control program in animal population in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003
- 4) A lists of establishments authorised to export food of animal origin to the European Union on this form
https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/ia_trade_non-eu_new-lists-application-form_en.pdf
- 5) Any correspondence with the commission or DG SANTE requesting a derogation from the normal timescales for approval of third countries or for a pre-exit start to the process.

Response

- 1) The FSA will be the competent authority for England and Wales, DEARA for Northern Ireland and FSS for Scotland.
- 2) The annual surveillance plan for residues of authorised pharmacologically active substances and unauthorised substances is operated by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD). As you note, this is in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive 96/23/EC.
It is not the VMD's policy to publish the plan, as this contains the specific substances and analytical methods covered within each substance group. However, the VMD maintains an online database that contains a list of all Current Authorised Products (<https://www.vmd.defra.gov.uk/ProductInformationDatabase/>). Information requests for the Veterinary Medicines Directorate may be sent to postmaster@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk.
- 3) The FSA is not responsible for control of live animals. This information may be available from the Animal and Plant Health Authority (APHA).
Send information requests to enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk.
- 4) All UK approved establishments are able to export to the European Union. A list of them can be found here: <https://data.food.gov.uk/catalog/datasets/1e61736a-2a1a-4c6a-b8b1-e45912ebc8e3>.
- 5) The FSA does not hold any information that falls within the scope of this question.