

A breach of the [Code of Practice for Official Statistics](#) occurs where one or more provisions of the Code were not followed in situations where an exemption or exception had not been approved by the UK Statistics Authority's Head of Assessment. Rules on pre-release access to statistics are covered in the relevant [Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics Orders](#); the Code applies as if it includes these orders.

If there is a breach of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics then a report is required to be submitted to the UK Statistics Authority.

[Breach reports](#) and [Exemption requests](#) are published on the Authority's website.

Breach reports submitted by Defra group to the National Statistician between January 2009 and February 2018 under [Edition 1.0 of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics](#) are listed in Table 1 below.

Breaches under [Edition 2.0 of the Code of Practice for Statistics](#), launched February 2018, are listed in Table 2.

Table 1

Date	Output	Organisation	Type of breach
7 January 2009	UK Emissions of air pollutants	Core Department	Pre-release access
8 June 2010	Woodland Area, Planting and Restocking	Forestry Commission	Release practices
19 May 2011	Biodiversity indicators in your pocket 2011	Core Department	Pre-release access
7 June 2012	Pesticide usage survey reports -all reports published prior to 2012	Core Department	Release practices
16 January 2013	Incidence of TB in Cattle in Great Britain	Core Department	Release practices
17 April 2013	Incidence of TB in Cattle in Great Britain	Core Department	Release practices
18 April 2013	Monthly UK Slaughter Statistics	Core Department	Release practices
2 May 2013	Farmer Intentions Survey 2011/12 - England	Core Department	Release practices
12 November 2013	Incidence of TB in Cattle in Great Britain	Core Department	Pre-release access
29 January 2014	Total Factor Productivity of the Food Chain	Core Department	Pre-release access
30 January 2014	Forecasts of Farm Business Income by Farm Type in England	Core Department	Pre-release access
13 May 2014	Incidence of TB in Cattle in Great Britain	Core	Pre-release access

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10 June 2014	Incidence of TB in Cattle in Great Britain	Core Department	Release practices
8 January 2015	Cereal usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK	Core Department	Release practices
13 January 2015	Incidence of TB in Cattle in Great Britain	Core Department	Pre-release access
18 March 2015	UK Carbon Footprint	Core Department	Pre-release access
11 March 2016	Preliminary estimates of canopy cover change in British woodland	Forestry Commission	Pre-release access
6 July 2016	The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) / Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) / Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Breeding Bird Survey (BBS)	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Release practices
4 August 2016	Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK - June 2016	Core Department	Release practices
11 August 2016	Preliminary estimates of the changes in canopy cover in British woodlands between 2006 and 2015	Forestry Commission	Pre-release access
28 February 2017	Collective report of 09:30 breaches (Forecasts of Farm Business Income; Fly tipping)	Core Department	Release practices
14 July 2017	Woodland Carbon Code Statistics: Data to June 2016	Forestry Commission	Pre-release access
25 September 2017	Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (MENE) survey	Natural England	Confidentiality
22 February 2018	Cereals usage by Millers, Brewers, Distillers and Maltsters UK	Core Department	Release practices

Table 2

Date	Output	Organisation	Type of breach
3 May 2018	Statistics on Waterbirds in the UK (2018 publication; includes data up to 2017)	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	CoP Orderly Release T3.6 and T3.9
18 July 2018	Incidence of TB in Cattle in Great Britain	Core Department	CoP Orderly Release T3.3 and T3.4