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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information ABP plants for the disposal of fish which we received on 22 Aug 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“SYSTRA has been commissioned by HITRANS to undertake a review of logistics for the production cycle for aquaculture in Scotland – chiefly farmed salmon and mussels. In that context, I’m looking for a list of all the aquatic ABP plants that can handle – and do handle – farmed fish mortalities in Scotland. Are you able to provide me with this? “

The list of approved facilities for the incineration of animal by-products can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-by-product-operating-plants-approved-premises>

The Excel version under tab (section iii) shows incinerators and this can be filtered to isolate the information you require. To help in the understanding of which category fish mortalities fall into an overview has been provided below;

### Overview

The Animal By Products (ABP) from aquatic animals are categorised into three groups according to the nature of the hazard/risk which they could pose

Fish mortalities falls under Category 2 which states Fish or parts of fish that die, other than being slaughtered for human consumption, including fish killed for disease control purposes. This includes all mortalities occurring during the production cycle in aquaculture, including fish that die from disease

The type and classification of the category of waste can be found at this link;

The Animal and Plant Health Agency is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/animal-by-product-categories-site-approval-hygiene-and-disposal#abp-categories-explained>

As this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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Yours sincerely

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