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{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC0850

16 May 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about West Wight Alpacas, which we received on 26 April 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Would you please provide me with details of your investigations carried out by APHA before issuing an Exemption Direction Certificate under Section 14(1)(a) of the ZLA 1981 for the zoo known as West Wight Alpacas, Wellow, Isle of Wight, PO41 0SZ in the County of Isle of Wight? The piece of paper sent to me by the Isle of Wight Council was dated 18th April 2016 and signed by MS and RB. It looks as though the 'certificate' is part of a longer correspondence.

Please provide me with the following:

1. A copy of all correspondence sent to the IWC with that 'certificate'

Please see attached Appendices 1 and 2 for a copy of all correspondence sent to the Isle of Wight Council with the certificate.

2. A copy of any internal reports you have relating to this Zoo

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested is not held by APHA.

3. Details of all site visits by APHA staff related to this dispensation

APHA do not conduct site visits for dispensation requests, this is done by the Local Authority, therefore APHA do not hold this information requested.

4. Letters, emails or discussions with the Zoo management related to this dispensation

The Local Authority applied to APHA for the dispensation and contact was not made with the zoo. Therefore, APHA do not hold this information requested.

5. Letters, emails or discussions with the Isle of Wight Council related to this dispensation

Please see attached Appendices 3 and 4 for a copy of all correspondence with the Isle of Wight Council regarding this dispensation.

6. Letters, emails or discussions and reports with/from any veterinarian whose opinion was sought in processing this dispensation and the name of the vet(s).

Please see attached Appendices 5 and 6 for a copy of all correspondence with any veterinarian whose opinion was sought in processing this dispensation.

The name of the vet(s) has been withheld under Section 40(2). Please see below for more detail.

- a) Is/are the vet(s) on the approved list for advising DEFRA/APHA on matters relating to multi-species zoos?

Yes.

- b) Please provide a copy of the list of approved vets, for England.

A list of named vets has been withheld under Section 40(2). Please see below for more detail.

7. Qualifications and experience of the management of West Wight Alpacas in zoo management and operation and your assessment that there is sufficient experienced manpower and other resources to operate the Zoo in a safe and satisfactory manner

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested is not held by APHA. This information is for the Local Authority to decide and investigate.

Section 40(2) refers to other people's personal information. Section 40(2) of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA.

Please note the following questions are not requests for recorded information as defined in the Freedom of Information Act, therefore have been dealt with as general correspondence.

Please confirm that this mix of animals is not a threat to the public in a petting zoo

The collection contains five animals, which are classed as category 2 hazardous in the Secretary of States Standards of Modern Zoo Practice (SSSMZP). However the Local Authority has stated that they are kept a minimum of 1.5 metres away from the public, so APHA were satisfied that there was no risk to the public.

Please confirm that this mix of animals is not a threat to the environment on the Isle of Wight e.g. disease, zoonosis, escape of animals, infection of visitors (many are small children/toddlers, the very ill and very elderly) by pathogens including parasitic infection and that the biosecurity at the Zoo has been inspected and found satisfactory as a petting zoo.

The collection does not appear to contain any invasive alien species which may pose a threat to local biodiversity. West Wight Alpacas will be expected to comply with all legislation relating to their livestock, including the control of disease and zoonosis, regardless of their zoo licensing status. In fact APHA would not expect the Local Authority to make an application for a 14.1(a) dispensation if they had concerns relating to these matters. Health and safety risks are also managed by the Local Authority under other relevant legislation.

If any species requiring a Dangerous Wild Animals License were to be displayed at this zoo, would the Dispensation you granted be automatically rescinded? (Note: The Zoo owners stated in a public meeting with our Parish Councillors present last November that they had selected three Bactrian camels which are being kept for them presently on the Lizard Peninsular; this is not an academic question)."

14.1(a) directions are not automatically rescinded they have to be revoked by a new direction (certificate). The addition of a Dangerous Wild Animal listed species may not necessarily mean that a 14.1(a) is no longer suitable but would certainly trigger the need for it to be reviewed.

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I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

Email: enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Annex

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Cheshire
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**14(1)(a) Exemption Direction
ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981**

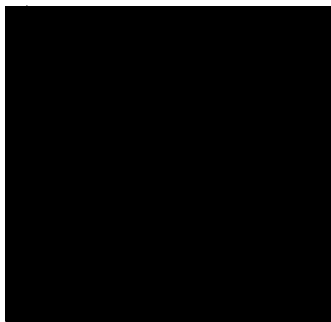
(Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002

**FULL DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 14(1)(a) IN RESPECT
OF WEST WIGHT ALPACAS, MAIN ROAD, WELLOW,
YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO41 0SZ**

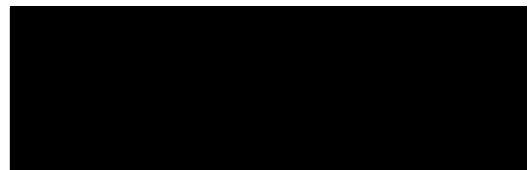
The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 14(1)(a) of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, and after consulting the local authority with power to grant a licence for the zoo and such persons on the list compiled under section 8 of the Act as she has thought fit, hereby directs:-

that the Act shall not apply to the zoo known as West Wight Alpacas.

Signed by the authority of
the Secretary of State



R Sear
APHA



M Britton
APHA

Date: 18th April 2016



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██████████
Isle of Wight Council
(by e-mail)

18th April 2016

Dear ██████████

ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED) - West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0SZ

I am writing regarding the exemption request submitted by the council for the above collection.

After consideration of all the information supplied in support of the exemption request, please find enclosed a direction issued on behalf of the Secretary of State in accordance with section 14(1)(a) of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981. The exemption direction exempts West Wight Alpacas from section 10 of The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (as amended).

This exemption direction has been issued on the basis of the current size of the collection. **Please note that the addition of any further species, or any increase in specimen numbers may render this direction invalid and a zoo license may be required. This exemption must be reviewed no later than 18th April 2017.**

The Local Authority will have no powers under the Act to inspect the zoo. However, you are advised to check on the exempt status from time to time and inform the Secretary of State if the exemption is no longer valid so the direction can be revoked under section 14(3).

This direction has also been issued on the basis that it appears to the Local Authority and the Secretary of State that the premises are satisfactorily operated.

Yours sincerely

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Jamie Harwood
Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
Specialist Service Centre - Bristol

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Harwood, Jamie \(APHA\)](#)
Subject: West Wight Alpacas
Date: 18 March 2016 14:20:05

Hi Jamie

Just wondered if there's any update on the dispensation that I applied for for West Wight Alpacas? The Council have received a formal complaint which is now at stage 2. The complainant is stating that:

"The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 section 1 paragraph (1) says:

(1) Subject to this section it is unlawful to operate a zoo to which this Act applies except under the authority of a licence issued under this Act by the Local Authority for the area within which the whole or the major part of the zoo is situated.

The Isle of Wight Council has admitted that West Wight Alpacas is a zoo. The LA has admitted that WWA does not have a licence or a dispensation. Therefore the operation is unlawful.

I am complaining that the IWC is taking no action against the unlawful operation of a zoo in a small hamlet, Wellow, just yards from residential homes with elderly residents as well as many young grandchildren visiting. I am also complaining that the IWC Planning Department despite admitting that the operation is a zoo continues to grant planning consent for development on the zoo on the basis that it is a 'farm' and not a 'zoo'. It is a zoo and not a farm. I am also complaining that the Local Authority has seemingly taken no steps to ensure public health and safety given that the risks of infection from wild animals in captivity and in very close proximity to the public are more difficult to determine than domesticated animals that have been living close to man for many thousands of years."

I need to provide a response for the head of service regarding these comments and just wondered if you are able to comment on whether my course of action to date is consistent with those of other officers from other authorities in similar situations? In other words is it generally deemed acceptable by APHA if a premises is open to the public but does not hold a zoo licence, but the application for a dispensation is being followed?

Happy to discuss over the phone if this is easier, I've tried to call you [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks Jamie

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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APPENDIX 4

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Harwood, Jamie \(APHA\)](mailto:Harwood.Jamie@apha.gsi.gov.uk)
Subject: RE: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request
Date: 18 April 2016 14:24:38

Thanks Jamie.

From: Harwood, Jamie (APHA) [<mailto:Jamie.Harwood@apha.gsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: 18 April 2016 14:18
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Hi

Apologies, corrected version attached! More haste less speed.....

Jamie

From: [REDACTED] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@iow.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@iow.gov.uk)]
Sent: 18 April 2016 13:59
To: Harwood, Jamie (APHA)
Subject: RE: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Hi Jamie

Thank you very much. [REDACTED]

Kind regards

From: Harwood, Jamie (APHA) [<mailto:Jamie.Harwood@apha.gsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: 18 April 2016 13:34
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find the 14.1(a) exemption direction attached. I would be grateful if you could pass a copy to the zoo.

Kind Regards
Jamie

From: [REDACTED] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@iow.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@iow.gov.uk)]
Sent: 18 April 2016 09:16

To: Harwood, Jamie (APHA)

Subject: RE: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Hi Jamie

Thank you so much, if you are able to get a decision officially to me today that would be perfect as I now have an FOI response to prepare by tomorrow!

Kind regards

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From: Harwood, Jamie (APHA) [<mailto:Jamie.Harwood@apha.gsi.gov.uk>]

Sent: 15 April 2016 15:06

To: ██████████

Subject: RE: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Hi ██████████

I have recommended that we issue the exemption, the paperwork is currently with my managers. If they agree, I should hopefully be able to send the direction to you on Monday!

Kind Regards

Jamie

From: ██████████ [<mailto:██████████@iow.gov.uk>]

Sent: 15 April 2016 12:45

To: Harwood, Jamie (APHA)

Subject: FW: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Hi Jamie

The Stage 2 complaint that we've got is escalating so I really need a decision about the dispensation I applied for. I know when we spoke on 22 March you said that you'd been snowed under but you'd make it a priority for the following week. Have you managed to get decisions from those concerned yet? Sorry I hate to put the pressure on!

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2016 11:46
To: jamie.harwood@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: FW: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 February 2016 15:34
To: jamie.harwood@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Dear Mr Harwood

Re: West Wight Alpacas Ltd, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0SZ

I write to request that a dispensation under Section 14.1(a) of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 be applied to the above premises.

The premises is primarily a breeder of high quality Suri Alpacas but also operates as a small well run farm park. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. They also have on site 5 Greater Rhea (to be kept a minimum of 1.5 m away from the public) and 5 Ring Necked Parakeets.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I have visited the premises with an independent vet [REDACTED], and I attach a copy of the letter she sent following our visit.

At this time the Isle of Wight Council Licensing Department believe that it is appropriate to apply a time limited dispensation for 2 years, on the basis that this is likely to be an interim measure until such a time as an application for a zoo licence is made.

I attach a site plan, a stock list and the independent vet report for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Licensing Officer

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[REDACTED] (APHA)

From: Harwood, Jamie (APHA)
Sent: 21 April 2016 15:49
To: [REDACTED] (APHA)
Subject: FW: Animal by products from small zoos having LA/APHA dispensation

Hi [REDACTED]

It appears that you have answered his queries (very thoroughly) and I am not sure that I can add anything else.

The zoo/farm has been granted a 14.1(a) exemption from the zoo licensing act, so essentially are a zoo but are so small that they are not currently required to obtain a licence. [REDACTED]

Otherwise this is really a matter for the local authority!

Kind Regards
Jamie

From: [REDACTED] (APHA)
Sent: 21 April 2016 13:48
To: Harwood, Jamie (APHA)
Cc: Wildlife Licensing (APHA)
Subject: FW: Animal by products from small zoos having LA/APHA dispensation

Dear Jamie, and CIT Bristol,
I do not know if this has anything to do with you, but you may know someone who does deal with these interactions with a disgruntled member of the public about zoos.

Best Regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Veterinary Officer
APHA Field Services South East

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From: [REDACTED] (APHA)
Sent: 21 April 2016 12:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: ABP (APHA); [REDACTED] (APHA)
Subject: RE: Animal by products from small zoos having LA/APHA dispensation

Dear [REDACTED]
I appreciate your concerns however the Local Authority is responsible for the day to day administration of the Zoo Licensing Act.

Defra maintains and administers a list of authorised Zoo Licensing Inspectors who are suitably qualified veterinary surgeons. Defra also oversees the charging for the necessary inspections.

I will forward your concerns to the specialist service centre concerned, but APHA within the region is not able to assist you further.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Veterinary Officer

APHA Field Services South East

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2016 12:23
To: [REDACTED] (APHA)
Cc: ABP (APHA); [REDACTED] (APHA)
Subject: Re: Animal by products from small zoos having LA/APHA dispensation

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for that. The local authority has conceded that the business is a zoo due to the species kept on public display.

The local authority tell me that they are awaiting a decision from APHA as to whether a dispensation from the requirements of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 will be granted.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] As it happens, APHA is the competent authority regarding dispensation and licensing of zoos under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 and as for the local authority they appear to have no in-house ability in this area due to massive public service cuts over the last few years. Essentially we have a planning department trying to carry out all roles and the number of officers are now much reduced.

I am grateful to you for your advice and guidance. The residents believe that there is a public health issue but with no enforcement function in the local council there isn't much anyone is doing or can do about it. We are concerned about the possibility of another [REDACTED] type incident. Should this happen we have a dossier of correspondence with various authorities who we have apprised of our concerns which would be made available to a public enquiry.

As residents all we can do is to draw deficiencies to the attention of public authorities in the hope that they will send a competent person to visit the site and establish whether the zoo/farm management is adequately qualified and experienced to run an establishment having 10,000 visitors per annum from babes in arms to the very elderly and handicapped in wheelchairs.

We can do no more than inform and I shall rest there.

Thank you and kind regards,

On 21/04/2016 11:38, [REDACTED] (APHA) wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I would suggest that you take your question of what the business is to the local Council Trading Standards.

Trading Standards also enforce the ABP legislation, so they would become involved in any enforcement of that.

The relevant legislation for ABP is 1069/2009 EC ; 142/2011 EC , and The Animal By-Products(Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013.

This legislation is what is enforced.

The **guidance** on the Gov.uk web pages **is just that**, it is not law.

1069/2009 EC Article 3 .20 defines " manure" as any excrement and / or urine of farmed animals other than farmed fish, with or without litter;

.22 " organic fertiliser " and "soil improver" means materials of animal origin used to maintain or improve plant nutrition and the physical and chemical properties and biological activities of soils, either separately or together; they may include manure, non mineralised guano, digestive tract content, compost and digestion residues.

Article 13 Category 2 material shall be: (f) **applied to land** without processing, in the case of manure, which the competent authority does not consider to present a risk for the spread of any serious transmissible disease; [that is- Notifiable Disease].

[there is no specification of agricultural land or market gardens in this provision.]

Alpacas are classified as livestock. This means their manure is subject to the above articles. The manure of animals in a zoo that are not of livestock species is not subject to the ABP legislation, therefore there is no differentiation between zoo livestock and other livestock in the matter of their manure, and its' classification as Cat 2 ABP material. It can be used as an organic fertiliser or soil improver within the same country without processing.

It would appear that there is little point in utilising the ABP legislation in your exchange of views with your neighbours.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Veterinary Officer

APHA Field Services South East

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2016 09:31
To: [REDACTED] (APHA)
Cc: ABP (APHA); [REDACTED] (APHA)
Subject: Re: Animal by products from small zoos having LA/APHA dispensation

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your reply. I had read that paragraph {I am re-inserting the screen shot for clarity}

When you can spread manure, guano and digestive tract content on land

If the manure, guano or digestive tract content isn't from poultry you can do the following without restrictions under ABP regulations:

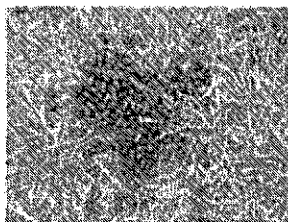
- spread it on your own land (you may need an Environment Agency waste disposal permit, unless you qualify for an exemption from waste permitting)
- supply it for use on other farms or markets gardens

Avoid spreading manure, guano or digestive tract content on land that farmed animals have access to. If you do spread it on such land, stop animals grazing on the land for 21 days after you have applied the fertiliser (or for 2 months in the case of pigs).

Further restrictions may be imposed during an outbreak of a notifiable disease, but these would be publicised at the time.

However as I said in my initial email, the business (is it a farm or a zoo, I would be grateful for clarification) is selling the manure retail to the general public at their gate and online: <http://www.wightbay.com/isle-of-wight/search/?keywords=alpaca+manure>

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Wellow

11 April 2016

The unprocessed manure sold via this route is not being spread on their own land or other farms or market gardens. It is being spread on domestic residential gardens where young children and domestic pets play. Their rheas are being grazed in the same field as the alpacas and llamas. The establishment also keeps a range of other exotic animals (I believe APHA has a list via the Isle of Wight Council?) and when asked how the manure is disposed of the owners said that they 'harrow it into the fields as is common practice'. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
I see exactly what happens (and what doesn't). I have NEVER seen anything being harrowed-in. They are not permitted by the local council to burn the excrement because it could cause a local nuisance. The usual behaviour of alpacas is to establish toilet areas however the land [REDACTED] is so heavily grazed and seldom fallow that for the most part the alpacas defecate anywhere and are grazing on land that is contaminated with their own excrement.

Perhaps one should keep in mind that the owners are property developers apparently with no previous experience in animal husbandry. Local farmers with a lifetime of husbandry have raised their eyebrows at what is going on, but it should be noted that none of them has any camelid, exotic animal or zoo experience so they are unable to comment as experts in this case.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 21/04/2016 08:52, [REDACTED] (APHA) wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

One has to select the section of the guidance with some care when using the Gov.uk web pages.

For manure, please see the link below from which I have taken a screen shot for your information.(Attached)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-use-store-or-move-manure-guano-and-digestive-tract-content>

Manure can be supplied to other premises within the same country, but can't be traded with other EU countries unless it has been processed.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 April 2016 17:35

To: [REDACTED] (APHA)

Cc: ABP (APHA); [REDACTED] (APHA)

Subject: Re: Animal by products from small zoos having LA/APHA dispensation

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your reply. Would you explain why your reply appears not to be in accordance with the advice given in

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-fertiliser-from-processed-animal-by-products-abps> in particular this section:

How to process ABP material for use in fertilise

You can't use category 1 ABPs in fertiliser.

You must process other ABPs before they can be used:

- category 2 ABPs must be processed using pressure sterilisation and marked using GTH (glyceroltriheptanoate)
- category 3 ABPs can be processed using any EU approved processir

Find out what ABP category your material fits into.

Many thanks and best regards,

[REDACTED]

On 20/04/2016 16:02, [REDACTED] (APHA) wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Manure from animals normally kept for production (livestock) is Category 2 animal by-product (ABP), over which Defra and APHA do not normally exercise any controls, unless it represents a risk of disseminating Notifiable Disease.

Dead zoo animals, amongst other materials are classified as Category 1 ABP, but if they are not of a livestock species their manure is not subject to the ABP legislation, just as urine and faeces from domestic pets is not.

I assume that your objection is to the sale of faecal matter from the alpacas, which could be classified as Cat 2 ABP (Manure) as they are a species normally kept by man for production.

The sale or spreading of manure is not subject to ABP legislative control, unless it presents a risk of disseminating Notifiable Disease.

If you are concerned about the risk of non-notifiable diseases in this trade I would suggest

approaching Environmental Health of the local
Borough or District Council for their opinion.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
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Good morning,

Please can you see the below query and advise. If
you can copy me in on the reply I would be
grateful.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
AO

ABP Team

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
[mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 18 April 2016 10:45
To: ABP (APHA)
Subject: Animal by products from small zoos having
LA/APHA dispensation

Are abps e.g. manure from Cat1 zoo/pet animals
where Cat1 status is due to APHA Zoo Licensing Act
1981 dispensation still required to be treated as
Cat1 abps despite a dispensation being in force?

[REDACTED] West Wight Alpacas PO41 OSZ,
which is waiting on a APHA dispensation from Zoo
Act yet they sell their manure from the
zoo/farm/attraction and via online advertising.

If alpacas are on display and used for petting and
walks, and if the alpacas share the same
field/grazing concurrently with rheas and other
exotic species, are they to be treated as Cat1 and
are there any special H&S requirements for the
protection of the livestock, the environment (wild
animals) and safety of the public?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Harwood, Jamie \(APHA\)](mailto:Harwood.Jamie@apha.gov.uk)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FW: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispen...
Date: 28 March 2016 11:56:56
Attachments: [Scan.jpeg](#)

Good morning Jamie,

[REDACTED] herewith, my comments on West Wight alpacas. I have copied my comments to [REDACTED] and you will no doubt receive their opinions in due course.

Yours aye,

[REDACTED]
The comments are made without prejudice to the character or intent of the operator/s [REDACTED].

1. [REDACTED] appears to be competent to run his alpaca farm [REDACTED].
2. Based on the current stock list and the numbers and variety of additional animals held at present I feel that it would be appropriate for the Local Authority to permit him to operate under a 14.1(a) dispensation.

However: a. I would grant such dispensation only for a period of 1 year [REDACTED], my reasoning is that to grant for a 2 year period would effectively mean that he has two summers and two winters prior to review, during which time I feel it is likely that he could acquire a much wider variety of species for which he may or may not be fully capable of offering adequate care.

b. Allowing for delays, if he is granted a 2 year dispensation and then applies for a zoo licence he will then make his application, undergo a pre licence inspection (possibly followed by a period during which he would be expected/obliged to fulfil the SoS Standards), followed by a further inspection to ensure compliance. Effectively, in total, this could run to nearly 3 years from the original dispensation which I feel is too long [REDACTED].

3. Even if the Authority were to grant only a 1 year dispensation, I would advise that the authority makes clear that the addition of any new species in the interim be advised to the L.A. and that if they consider necessary they be prepared to revoke that dispensation and proceed with formal licensing measures.

Hope this helps a little,
Cheers, [REDACTED]

In a message dated 22/03/2016 11:58:13 GMT Standard Time, Jamie.Harwood@apha.gsi.gov.uk writes:

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received an application for a 14.1(a) exemption for Mayfield Alpacas on the IOW. The exemption has been requested to allow the display of 5 Greater Rhea, a kookaburra and 5 Ring Necked Parakeets.

[REDACTED]

My I have your considered opinions please?

Kind regards

Jamie

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 February 2016 15:34
To: jamie.harwood@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: West Wight Alpacas, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, IOW - 14.1(a) dispensation request

Dear Mr Harwood

Re: West Wight Alpacas Ltd, Main Road, Wellow, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0SZ

I write to request that a dispensation under Section 14.1(a) of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 be applied to the above premises.

The premises is primarily a breeder of high quality Suri Alpacas but also operates as a small well run farm park. [REDACTED]. They also have on site 5 Greater Rhea (to be kept a minimum of 1.5 m away from the public) and 5 Ring Necked Parakeets.

[REDACTED]

I have visited the premises with an independent vet [REDACTED], and I attach a copy of the letter she sent following our visit.

At this time the Isle of Wight Council Licensing Department believe that it is appropriate to apply a time limited dispensation for 2 years, on the basis that this is likely to be an interim measure until such a time as an application for a zoo licence is made.

I attach a site plan, a stock list and the independent vet report for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
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