Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

"Smarter Data": Plans to simplify information requests by Defra and the Defra network

Phase 2: Farming and animal health information requests

March 2015

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92	Animal Health Exports regime		Businesses applying for an export health licence in order to commercially export animals and animal products. Approx 60,000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 15 minutes Expected time saving is 40%		
93	Animal Health Imports regime	Investigate the potential for streamlining exports, imports, CITES and bird registration services into a single solution which meets to digital by default standards, taking account of the needs of user, commercial considerations and available technologies. This should also work towards the principle of "report once use many times" across Defra and its agencies.	Businesses applying for an import licence who intend to import animals or animal by products into the UK where there are no harmonising EU rules. Approx. 3,500 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 3.75 hours Expected time saving is 25%	Subject to business case and funding APHA will conduct a discovery phase by March 2015 to assess the potential for streamlining animal health imports, exports and the CITES regime into a single digital solution. Subject to a successful discovery phase and further funding they will the develop a digital solution.	Discovery Phase by end of 2015. Fully implemented digital solution by end of 2016.
94	Bird registration regime		Businesses who intend to import birds into the UK. Approx. 2000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 15 minutes Expected time saving is 10%		

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95	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)		Businesses applying for a permit or certificate to import, export or commercially trade in CITES listed species. These businesses can expect to see a reduction of 20% in the time taken to apply for a permit/certificate under this reporting regime. Approx. 50,000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 15 minutes Expected time saving is 20%		
96	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)	Review the policy need for all CITES forms beyond the two main forms (FED1012 and FED0172). Revoke those that are no longer deemed essential.		APHA will conduct a full review of CITES forms and guidance with a view to simplifying the application process for customers.	By March 2016
97	Rabies regime	Investigate the potential for combining the Welfare in Transit licence application process with the Carrying Agent authorisation process.	Carry agents transporting animals under the rabies regime and famers, hauliers, pet breeders, markets and slaughterhouses transporting animals under the Welfare in Transit regime.	APHA will implement this subject to business case, funding and prioritisation.	By July 2015
98	Welfare (transport) regime	Revoke the requirement (form WIT10) for control posts to re-apply for registration each year. Make the initial approval enduring and monitor appropriately. There are approximately 11 WIT10 applications per year (the majority of applications under the welfare regime are journey logs).	Businesses who are involved with transporting animals. Approx. 1,400 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 6 minutesExpected time saving is 1%	APHA will re-draft the APHA Operations Manual instructions for Control Posts to reflect the following changes:• remove any requirement for the Control Post operator to re-apply for annual renewal• amend the Control Post approval / annual re-approval letter to remove the time limited status of one year, so the approval will be open ended whilst the operator and premises continues to comply with conditions for approval as required in Council Regulation (EC) No. 1255/97	By June 2015

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99	Identification, registration and movement of livestock	Investigate the potential for transforming livestock reporting regimes to digital by default standards, taking account of the needs of user, commercial considerations and available technologies. This should also work towards the principle of "report once use many times" across Defra and its agencies.	Farmers who are required to register the births, deaths and imports of their livestock as well as reporting their cattle movements. Approx. 15,810,000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 6 minutes Expected time saving is 20%	Defra will undertake a detailed cost benefit analysis of delivery options for transforming livestock reporting regimes to digital by default standards which takes into account the ending of existing contractual arrangements and coincides with new requirements under the EU's draft Animal Health Regulation	Detailed cost benefit analysis of delivery options by December 2015. Fully implemented digital solution by Mid 2019
100	Customer Registration and Registering Flock and Herds	Investigate the potential for transforming this service to digital by default standards, taking account of the needs of user, commercial considerations and available technologies. This should also work towards the principle of "report once use many times" across Defra and its agencies. Consider in particular the scope to re-use information already provided by customers when applying for CAP schemes.	Farmers and smallholders who register their flocks/herds and livestock holdings. Approx. 7,500 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 15 minutes Expected time saving is 20%	Under the new CAP Delivery Programme (DP) Defra is developing a new online customer registrations portal supported by a digital assist capability. This forms part of our new customer and land registration functionality and will issue County Parish Holding (CPH) numbers or single business identifiers to customers, replacing the existing telephone based system. APHA will explore the feasibility of developing a digital registration system for flocks and herds.	Implement a new online customer portal for RPA registrations by Mar 2016. Registrations of flocks and herds is dependent on business case, funding and prioritisation.
101	Horse Passport Application	Continue to lobby the EU to mandate member states to issue food chain identification documents for horses centrally through one system	Businesses or individuals applying for registration to own or breed horses	Press for reform as part of the ongoing negotiations on the Commission's proposal on zootechnics.	Implementation date will depend on the timescales for negotiation of several pieces of EU legislation, and the interplay of this with other domestic activities at the time.
102	Application for Manufacturer's / Importer's Authorisation (ManA)	FIELD REDUCTIONS - Section 2.6 - Other information: (the information requested could be reduced) - Section 4 - Contract laboratories (eliminate the tick box section)	Pharmaceutical companies applying to manufacture or import veterinary medicines. Approx. 5 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 3.75 hours Expected time saving is 10%	VMD will review the Application for Manufacturer's/Importer's Authorisation form and remove any non-essential elements.	By June 2015

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103	Application for Wholesale Dealer's Authorisation	Eliminate unnecessary fields from sections 2.5 and 2.7.	Wholesalers applying for authorisation to deal in veterinary medicines These businesses can expect to see a reduction of 5% in the time taken to register and report movements. Approx. 5 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 2 hours Expected time saving is 5%	VMD will review the Application for Wholesale Dealer's form and remove any non-essential elements.	By June 2015
104	Application for Approval of Premises to Retail Supply Veterinary Medicinal Products by Suitably Qualified Persons (SQPs)	Obtain the details of SQPs from the qualifying body (e.g. AMTRA) rather than requesting it from the applicant.	Businesses applying to retail veterinary medicinal products by SQPs (i.e. SQP retailers).Approx. 90 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 30 minutesExpected time saving is 25%	Action complete. The application form has been changed so that VMD does not need to ask businesses applying for approval as an SQP retailer to provide the address of the SQP.	Action complete
105	Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture	Reduce the content and total number of surveys issued in non-structure years to the minimum level required to meet precision requirements for wheat and barley. Issue streamlined modules to meet the precision requirements for less common crops and livestock.	Farmers who have commercial holdings of agricultural land and livestock. Approx. 30,000 - 50,000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 48 minutes Expected time saving is 25%	Defra will seek feedback from those affected by March 2015. If appropriate, implement as soon as feasible thereafter.	By March 2016
106	Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture	Use data collected through the CAP scheme (farmer contact details and farm holding details) to replace all equivalent information collected via the 'Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture'.		Defra has initiated a project to explore the validity of using administrative date sourced from the new CAP payments system.	By March 2016
107	Farm Practices Survey	Introduce an independent mechanism to scrutinise requests from policy units for data to be collected via the Farm Practices Survey to ensure only essential data is collected.	Farmers and smallholders who are selected to take part in this survey. Approx. 13,000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 15 minutes Expected time saving is 50%	Defra will determine an appropriate independent mechanism and criteria to be applied to asses requests for data collection.	By October 2015

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108	Campaign for the Farmed Environment	Reduce the sample size of the 'Campaign for the farmed environment' survey (currently 5-7,000 each March). There is no statutory requirement to survey to this extent. Consider moving to a biennial undertaking of the survey.	Farmers who have at least 10 hectares of arable crops or grassland. Approx. 5,000 - 7,000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 18 minutes Expected time saving is 50%	Defra will reduce sample size to a level which will still allow satisfactory response rates and the ability to identify statistically significant year on year changes.	By March 2016
109	Surveys (other)	Campaign the European Commission to enable the reporting of location only and not specific animal numbers in the Sheep and Goat Annual Inventory.	Farmers and smallholders who are asked or selected to take part in these surveys can expect to see a reduction of 30%. Approx. 70,000 returns pa. Estimated time spent per submission 15 minutes Expected time saving is 30%	Defra policy team will continue to engage with the EU Commission and make the case for location only reporting for the Sheep and Goat Annual Inventory.	By March 2016
110	Surveys (other)	Investigate the potential for transforming farm surveys issued by Defra and its agencies to digital by default standards, taking account of the needs of user, commercial considerations and available technologies. This should also work towards the principle of "report once use many times" across Defra and its agencies. Prioritise the following survey types (while retaining the paper survey approach to ensure representativeness): Applicable to all surveys.		Defra will complete a discovery phase by March 2015 to ascertain scope and feasibility of this work.	Dependent on discovery phase.
111	Surveys (other)	Consider in parallel the scope to join up across Government departments or with the Office for National Statistics.		Defra will carry out a scoping exercise with the ONS to determine feasibility and implement as soon as feasible thereafter.	Dependent on scoping phase.
112	Surveys (other)	Consider the feasibility of bringing the British Survey of Fertiliser Practice (BSFP) into the Farm Business Survey		Defra will consider this as part of the review of the FBS requirements for 2018 onwards.	Dependent on review of FBS requirements.
113	Surveys (other)	Combine the 'Utilisation of raw milk by dairies' and 'Survey of the value of milk purchased from producers' in to one survey.		Defra has initiated a project to explore the feasibility of combining these two surveys.	By March 2016
114	Surveys (other)	Review options for commodities surveys to only collect minimum data required, reduce frequency and transfer ownership of surveys to industry if appropriate by September 2015. Applicable to: Cereal stocks; Animal feed statistics for GB; Cereal usage by millers, brewers, distillers and maltsters; Rye millers; Cereal breakfast foods; Animal compound feeding stuffs,		Defra will seek feedback from those affected by March 2015. If appropriate, they will implement as soon as feasible thereafter.	By March 2016

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		sales value & volume; Survey of ports, co-ops and merchants; Egg packing station; and Egg processor.			6