



{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC1050

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Dear [REDACTED]

**PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your clarified request for information about bTB Approved Finishing Units (AFUs) which we received on 17 March 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“1, The number of individual cattle Approved Finishing Units (AFU) inspections where non-compliances / deficiencies were recorded in each of the following years: 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date, along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies found e.g. lapses in biosecurity, late testing for bTB, poor wildlife proofing

You clarified on 17 March 2017 that you request the data for Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales).

Please see the information in the table below:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Number of AFU non-compliances/deficiencies recorded</b> | <b>Reasons included</b>  |
|-------------|--|--|
| 2014        | 11   | Late reporting cattle movements<br>Poor wildlife proofing<br>Late TB Testing<br>Issues with biosecurity<br>Issues with records<br>Issues with boundaries                                     |
| 2015        | 20   | Poor biosecurity<br>Poor manure and effluent management<br>Late reporting of cattle movements<br>Poor wildlife proofing<br>Poor Biosecurity<br>Issues with records<br>Issues with boundaries |

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| 2016 | 18   | Poor wildlife proofing<br>Late reporting of cattle movements<br>Biosecurity<br>Issues with boundaries<br>Late TB Testing |
| 2017 | None | N/A  |

2, The number of cattle Approved Finishing Units (AFU) which had their approvals revoked in each of the following years: 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date, along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies that resulted in these cases.”

You clarified on 17 March 2017 that you request the data for Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales).

Please see the information in the table below:

| <b>Year</b>   | <b>Number of Revocations</b> | <b>Type of Revocation</b>  |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| 2014  | 5                            | Voluntary revocation as no longer<br>Feeding troughs did not meet requirements<br>Breach of conditions<br>Not wildlife-proof   |
| 2015  | 6                            | Poor manure and effluent management<br>Not wildlife –proof<br>Susceptible animals inside AFU<br>Separation from other non-AFU stock not effective<br>Breeding cattle in unit<br>Shared air-space<br>Cattle registered to AFU kept in non-AFU<br>Movement contravention |
| 2016  | 4                            | AFU not used in 18 months<br>Unrestricted cattle in the unit<br>Boundaries not secure<br>Milking herd and births in AFU  |
| 2017 to 17<br>March<br>2017 (date<br>of the<br>request) | 1                            | Poor wildlife proofing<br>No movement licence<br>Failure to register with BCMS<br>Welfare issues   |

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Yours sincerely

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