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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about hunts which Defra received on 16 March 2017 and have passed to APHA to respond. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

1. "How many registered hunts has been registered to use fox or hare urine for trail hunting as an exemption from the Environment Permitting Regulations 2010

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

Fox and hare urine would fall under waste rules, and therefore under the remit of the Environment Agency.

2. How many registered hunts' premises, or the residences of registered hunts' trail layers, have been registered for the purpose of handling and storing Category 2 animal by-products"

In accordance with Articles 16(c) and 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 as read with Article 13 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, the Secretary of State authorises, by way of derogation, from Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 the collection and use for feeding to dogs from recognised kennels or packs of hounds. This is in accordance with Article 18(1)(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 for operators registered under Article 23 of that Regulation of:

- Category 2 material, provided that it comes from animals which were not killed or did not die as a result of the presence or suspected presence of a disease communicable to humans or animals, and that the requirements of Section 1, Chapter II, Annex VI of Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 are met; and
- Category 3 material, provided that the requirements of Section 1, Chapter II, Annex VI of Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 are met.

Annex I of EC142/2011 defines collection centres as follows:

'collection centres' means premises other than processing plants in which the animal by-products referred to in Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 are collected with the intention to be used for feeding to the animals referred to in the same Article.

Article 18 (1) provides the following list:

'zoo animals; circus animals; reptiles and birds of prey other than zoo or circus animals; fur animals; wild animals; dogs from recognised kennels or packs of hounds; dogs and cats in shelters; maggots and worms for fishing bait.

Therefore, APHA register hunt kennels as collection centres. Collection centres can collect meat from category 2 animals for feeding to the hounds in registered kennels. APHA currently have 225 registered collection centres however, not all of these are hunt kennels (some are for the other premise types as listed above). APHA do not hold data specifically for hunt kennels.

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Yours sincerely

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