



## By email

Our ref: 30/09/mr/354

23 October 2013

## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 29 October 2013 in which you asked for information about Public Health England's (PHE) catering services.

Your letter has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) does hold the information requested.

In answering your questions, I have consulted with our Procurement and internal catering teams. In answering your questions below, the responses concern catering at our two largest sites, Porton and Colindale, where PHE has responsibility for managing the contracts (for example, the contract in Wellington House, where PHE's head office is based, is managed by the Department for Health).

### **1. The percentage of fresh meat purchased by your organisation or its subcontractors that is of British origin.**

92% approximately.

### **2. The percentage of frozen meat purchased by your organisation or its subcontractors that is of British origin.**

90% approximately.

### **3. The percentage of meat-related products purchased by your organisation or its sub-contractors that is of British origin.**

88% approximately.

In response to the following questions, I can confirm that we are working within the Government Buying Standards for Food and Catering Services and I have attached a copy of this for information.

4. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with fresh meat of British origin.

5. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with frozen meat of British origin.
6. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with meat related products of British origin.
7. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with milk of British origin.
8. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with milk-related products of British origin.
9. Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services or other food related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British fresh meat.
10. Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services or other food related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British frozen meat.
11. Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services and other food related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British meat-related products.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer them to me in the first instance. If you are dissatisfied with this response and would like to request an internal review, then please contact Mr George Stafford at the address above or by emailing [complaints@phe.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@phe.gov.uk) .

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator