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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on ASU's and IU's which we received on 25 July 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

### Approved Finishing Units

1, The number of individual cattle Approved Finishing Units inspections in Great Britain (England, Wales & Scotland if applicable) where non-compliances / deficiencies were recorded in the following period - August 17th 2017 to the present date - along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies found e.g. lapses in biosecurity, late testing for bTB, poor wildlife proofing

2, The number of cattle Approved Finishing Units in Great Britain (England, Wales & Scotland if applicable) which had their approvals revoked in each of the following period - August 17th 2017 to the present date - , along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies that resulted in these cases."

#### Scotland

There are no Approved Finishing Units registered in Scotland.

#### Wales

1. There has been 7 inspections which had non-compliances found during the period 17/08/17 to the 16/08/18.

The non-compliances noted were:-

- Metal sheeting on perimeter gates was damaged and not maintained at 1.5 metres
  - Gaps at bottom of fence greater than 3 inches
  - Electric wire not maintained
  - Gaps at the bottom of walls in pens
  - Main gate requires to be gap proofed
  - Gate at rear unit to be locked at all times
  - Unsatisfactory Bio security plan related to sharing of equipment
  - Slurry pits to be separated to avoid cross contamination
  - Sponges to be soaked in disinfectant at all times
  - Perimeter walls of facility need to prevent access of wildlife
  - Hole in the wall of the manure storage
  - Records to be kept in relation of spread of manure
  - There should be a clear system for cleansing and disinfecting of the feeder when coming in and out of AFU
  - Shed outside AFU to be kept empty, respecting the agreed requirement of having minimum space outside AFU free of cattle
2. There were no AFU's in Wales that were revoked during the period 17/08/17 to 16/08/18 as a result of non-compliances found. The follow up visits found that any non-compliances identified had been rectified.

## England

1. There has been 22 inspections which had non-compliances found during the period 17/08/17 to the 16/08/18.

The non-compliances noted were:-

- C & D point inadequate / extra C & D point required.
- Fox seen within electric fence.
- Cattle in field which was approved for management purposes only.
- Sheep present in grazing fields.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance requires a C & D point.
- Manure not wildlife proof.
- The crush and race are not within the fenced area of the AFU.
- No disinfectant / disinfectant needs changing / using an unknown disinfectant / not strong enough dilution in footbaths.
- Gaps in gates/ under gates.
- Gaps exceeding 7.5cm.
- Gaps under the fence each side of the gate.
- Gap in metal sheeting where a badger could climb through.
- Boundaries not livestock proof / wildlife proof.
- Gaps in boundaries.

- Manure pit outside of AFU boundary.
  - Farmer needs to keep records of manure removal.
  - Electric fencing does not meet AFU conditions.
  - Undergrowth touching electric fence which needs clearing, and fencing needs tightening.
  - Outside wall less than 1.5m allowing easy access for badgers.
  - Metal sheet needed on picket gate.
  - Biosecurity and manure plan not being followed.
  - Issues with height of fencing and overgrown vegetation.
  - Main gate open.
  - Skip bin kept in the middle of the back entrance gate.
  - Cattle without dry bedding.
  - Dedicated overalls required.
2. There was one AFU in England that was revoked during the period 17/08/17 to 16/08/18 as a result of non-compliances found. The follow up visits found that any non-compliances identified had been rectified for the others.

As this was the only AFU that had its licence revoked the reasons for the revocation have been withheld under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. A further explanation has been added below.

## Isolation Units

1, The number of individual cattle **TB Isolation Units** inspections in Great Britain (England, Wales & Scotland if applicable) where non-compliances / deficiencies were recorded in the following period - August 17th 2017 to the present date - along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies found e.g. lapses in biosecurity, late testing for bTB, poor wildlife proofing

2, The number of cattle **TB Isolation Units** in Great Britain (England, Wales & Scotland if applicable) which had their approvals revoked in each of the following period - August 17th 2017 to the present date - , along with details of the non-compliances / deficiencies that resulted in these cases.”

### Scotland

There are no TB Isolation Units registered in Scotland.

### Wales

1. There has been no non-compliances/deficiencies recorded in the period Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 to present with regards to Isolation Units.
2. No revocations of Isolation units during the period Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 to present.

England

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2. No revocations of Isolation units during the period Aug 17th 2017 to present.

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Yours sincerely

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