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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 26 November 2020. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004(EIR).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

Could you please provide a breakdown of the number of pet food plants that you know to have been operating but not included in the published list of approved premises within the following periods:

Jan - June 2019 - 1 operating without our approval and as such not on the list
July - Dec 2019 - 7 operating without our approval and as such not on the list
Jan - June 2020 - 11 operating without our approval and as such not on the list
July 2020 to present - 2 operating without our approval and as such not on the list

Occasionally it is brought to APHA's attention that a pet food plant is operating without a licence. In cases like this the plant is contacted to provide their registration/approval number. The plant is also sent a link to the guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/animal-by-product-categories-site-approval-hygiene-and-disposal>

This states the need to complete form ab-117 and provides guidance surrounding the registration of animal by-product establishments or plants that require approval under Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 or any activity associated with that establishment e.g. transport of ABPs. These operations including rendering, incineration, combustion, pet food plants, manufacturers of organic fertilisers and soil improvers, compost and biogas plants, plants handling and storing animal by-products or products derived from animal by-products must apply for approval.

Information disclosed in response to this EIR request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIR and the government's Transparency Agenda, APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Coronavirus

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