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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about inspections of fish slaughterhouses, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 10 January 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“How many inspections at fish slaughterhouses in Scotland have been carried out by APHA Scotland since 24th August 2022?”

Three.

“Please provide inspection reports from all the inspections at fish slaughterhouses carried out by APHA Scotland since 24th August 2022.”

The information requested can be found at Appendix 1-3.

“Please confirm if these inspections include fish who are killed on wellboats / slaughterboats.”

These are land based harvesting sites.

“If so, please provide the number of inspections that were carried out specifically on wellboats / slaughterboats”

No inspections were carried out on wellboats / slaughter boats by APHA.

“Please also provide the following information from the inspections at fish slaughterhouses carried out by APHA Scotland since 24th August 2022:

The number of illegalities witnessed”

No non-compliances with the applicable legislation were found at time of inspection.

“Any action taken as a result of those illegalities”

N/A

“How often will the inspections carried out by APHA Scotland that started on 1st February 2022 be carried out at all fish slaughterhouses in Scotland? E.g. annually/other frequency.”

This will be decided by Scottish Government’s Animal Welfare Policy Team on a risk based approach following inspections.

Section 40 – Personal Information

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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