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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about pet food manufacturing, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 18 April 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Under The Freedom Of Information Act, please provide me with the following;

- 1) A website with a link/address, as to where I can search for a company to see it if is DEFRA Approved to produce/manufacture pet food here in the UK. If such is not available, please provide details on how a person can check to see if a company is DEFRA Approved to produce/manufacture pet food here in the UK.”

Please see the attached link. The information you are requesting can be found at tab/section eight on the spreadsheet. In addition, please note that temporary approved premises would not be included in the Approved Premises list on GOV.uk.

[Animal by-product operating plants: approved premises - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

- 2) “A company name or trading as, that has been issued with DEFRA Approved number 38/210/8101/ABP/PTF.”

Again, please see the list of approved premises that appears on gov.uk by using the link above.

- 3) “Instructions how to report a company that is producing/manufacturing pet food here in the UK, if the company has not been DEFRA Approved. Please provide a website with a link/address, if applicable.”

If a member of the public has information of this nature, they can contact the Animal By-Products Team on the email below and it will be investigated.

CSCOneHealthABP@apha.gov.uk

- 4) "If a company is DEFRA Approved to produce/manufacture pet food for sale in the UK, how often does that company have to renew it's license/permit to be DEFRA Approved, if applicable of course."

Once a company is fully approved, the facilities are inspected with a frequency relevant of risk score of the operation (this could be once a year, quarterly or even monthly). The approval will be retained subject to compliance with the legislation which is checked during the inspections.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

Email: enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Please click [here](#) for further contact details.