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Dear Mr Staniford

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about transport & disposal of mortalities from the salmon farming industry which we received on 12 December 2017. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. As previously mentioned, this response also covers the same request you had sent to core Defra.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please provide information on the transport and disposal of salmon farm mortalities (understood to be defined as Animal By-Products) during 2017.

APHA do not inspect or monitor the transport of salmon farm mortalities.

APHA carries out inspections and advises on Animal By-Product premises. The enforcement of the regulations is the responsibility of Local Authorities under The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 and of the Scottish Government under The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

Any requests regarding enforcement information at Scottish Animal By-Product premises should be directed to the Scottish Government at CEU@gov.scot

Any requests regarding enforcement information at English Animal By-Product premises should be directed to the local authority.

You will find information of the transportation of Animal By-Products on Gov.UK [here](#).

Information on the disposal of Animal By products can be found on Gov.UK [here](#)

You will find an explanation of the different Animal By-Product category types on Gov.UK [here](#).

Please include any breaches of The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (salmon farm mortalities are understood to be transported to disposal sites in Widnes, Lancashire, as well as in Dumfries and other places in Scotland).

APHA inspect all approved Animal By-Product premises. APHA record non-compliances and if appropriate, forward these on to local authorities or the Scottish Government for any further action. A list of Animal By-Product premises can be found on Gov.UK [here](#).

APHA do not hold records of all Animal By-Product waste at each site, therefore for the purposes of the FOI Act, this information is not held by APHA.

Please include any warning letters, photos, correspondence and any other information in relation to any investigations, surveillance and monitoring of the transport and disposal of salmon farm mortalities.

APHA inspect Animal By-Product premises but enforcement is carried out by Local Authorities under the English Regulations and by the Scottish Government under the Scottish Regulations. Therefore for the purpose of the FOI Act, this information is not held by APHA.

Animal By-Product premises have to keep a record of what they take in and what it is used for. These premises must then keep these records for inspection by APHA. APHA do not take a record of this information, therefore for the purposes of the FOI Act information on what product an Animal-By Product premise receives, is not held by APHA.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA 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.

I attach an Annex 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

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Annex

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