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Dear Mr Staniford

Thank you for your email of 12 December 2017 to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform. You wrote seeking an investigation as to whether there has been any breaches of the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (ABPR), in relation to the transport of salmon mortalities. Your query was passed to Animal Health and Welfare Division, and I have been asked to reply.

As you will be aware, the ABPR are enforced by local authorities and monitored for compliance by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). The Scottish Government provides advice and support on the ABPR to local authorities and APHA officials as and when it is needed.

In relation to the specific circumstances referred to in your correspondence, the Scottish Government received a similar query about potential breaches of the ABPR and salmon mortalities not being transported correctly when en route for disposal. We have subsequently contacted the relevant local authority where the transport company is based (East Ayrshire), and whilst they have not received any ABP breach complaints, they did confirm that they would be investigating the standards of the vehicles used by the transport company.

I should also add that officials in APHA are aware of this inquiry as they are responsible for inspecting approved and registered premises under the ABPR.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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