

To: Heads of Service, Local Authorities in England

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Dear Colleague,

EU Regulation 882/2004 on official controls - Q&A notes for enforcement authorities on the feed and food elements

I have enclosed for your information a copy of Q&A notes which the Agency has prepared for enforcement authorities on Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules.

Regulation 882/2004 was adopted in April 2004. It sets out a framework of requirements for the authorities in Member States that are responsible for official controls in respect of feed and food law as well as with animal health and animal welfare rules. Most of the provisions apply from 1 January 2006 and the others from 1 January 2007.

The notes are designed to explain the provisions of this directly applicable Regulation as they relate to monitoring and enforcing the requirements of feed and food legislation and to provide informal and non-statutory advice. They should be read in conjunction with Regulation 882/2004 itself which may be downloaded from the European Commission website at:

http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2004/l_191/l_19120040528en00010052.pdf

A full public consultation on the draft Q&A notes was undertaken from March to June this year and we have tried to reflect the comments that we received in the final document.

We hope that you and your colleagues will find these Notes to be informative and helpful. They will be published on the enforcement portal of the Agency's website and will be updated as necessary and to reflect any feedback that we receive.

If you need any further information, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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