

To: **Heads of Trading Standards Departments (England)**
Heads of Relevant Environmental Health Departments (England)
Chief Port Health Officers (England)
Directors of Public Protection (Wales)

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Dear Colleagues

EC OFFICIAL CONTROLS IN ANIMAL NUTRITION: RETURNS ON NATIONAL INSPECTIONS FOR 2005

1. Article 22 of Directive 95/53/EC on the organisation of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition requires Member States to make annual reports to the Commission on their enforcement activities. Regulation 14 of the Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) Regulations 1999 requires local authorities to provide the Agency with such information to meet the requirements of Article 22 of 95/53/EC.

Return to the Commission on Enforcement activities undertaken in 2004

2. Tim Franck wrote to you on 21 March 2005 about the arrangements for the intended UK return to the European Commission on enforcement activities undertaken in 2004. A copy of his letter can be found on the Agency's web site at: http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/enf_e_05_011.pdf. Many thanks for your contributions which were included in a consolidated return made to the Commission in August 2005. A copy of this return is available on request from Mercy Adebisi (tel.: 020 7276 8470; email: mercy.adebisi@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk).

Arrangements for feed returns covering enforcement activities in 2005

3. Paragraph 10 of Tim Franck's letter informed you of arrangements for submission of data on 2005 enforcement activities. This letter is seeking your contributions for enforcement activities undertaken during the 2005 calendar year. The information we are requesting is as follows:

- the completed table at **Annex 1**. This should include the requested information on (i) **designated entry points** (if any) for third country imports, (ii) **import controls** undertaken within the calendar year and (iii) list of **infringement(s)** (if any) and **action(s)** taken; and
- **detailed analytical results** as set out in the attached spreadsheet (2005 results EN.xls) at **Annex 2**. Please complete each of the worksheets in this excel workbook as fully as possible and return to the Agency as specified below. For those authorities that use the FLAIR database, we have provided, in Annex 3, some additional guidance that you may find useful in completing the spreadsheet.

Return of completed table and spreadsheet

4. Please complete and return **Annexes 1 and 2** to the dedicated Animal Feed Unit mailbox Inspectionsreturns.short_term@FSA by **27 February 2006 at the latest**. Nil returns are required and should also be received by this deadline. Should you have any problems with using the electronic spreadsheet at Annex 2, please forward a completed hard copy to Allyson Allman at the address below, at least a week before the above deadline.

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5. Local authorities are **not** required to complete those sections of the monitoring form pertaining to feed inspections in chapter three of the Framework Agreement.

6. Please do not hesitate to contact Allyson if you have queries on any of the above or require clarification on the completion of the above table and spreadsheet. Enquiries on **food** enforcement issues should continue to be directed to the Enforcement mailbox at: enforcement@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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