

To: District Council Chief EHOs
Group Chief EHOs
NIFLG members
Mr Robert Houston, CVO, DARD

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Dear Colleague,

**SINGLE INTEGRATED NATIONAL CONTROL PLAN FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM -
JANUARY 2007 TO MARCH 2011 (REVISION 1, ISSUED AUGUST 2007)**

You may recall that the Agency wrote to you on 14 December last year to let you know that the first National Control Plan (NCP) for the UK, covering the period January 2007 to March 2011, had been published. The NCP has recently been reviewed and a revised version is being published on the FSA website today.

The purpose of the Plan, which is required under EU Regulation 882/2004 on official controls, is to ensure that effective control systems are in place for monitoring and enforcing feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules, and plant health law. The UK NCP was prepared jointly by the Food Standards Agency, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Agriculture/Rural affairs Departments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It describes the regulatory landscape in the UK in these sectors and gives details of the roles and responsibilities of the different authorities and associated bodies that are involved. It also sets out the planned official control activities of these authorities and bodies during the period of the plan, and provides an overview of how they work together to safeguard public, animal and plant health, to protect consumer interests, and to promote the welfare of animals.

Regulation 882/2004 requires that the NCP be kept under review and updated regularly. The first review of the UK NCP was recently completed. No substantive changes to the Plan are required as a result but a number of minor amendments have been made. For the most part, these reflect the formation at the beginning of April of Animal Health (formally the State Veterinary Service) and changes within the Devolved Administrations in Scotland and Wales following the elections in May. The plan has also been updated to reflect publication of new or revised guidance material and European and national legislation.



Copies of the revised UK NCP may be downloaded from the Agency's website at:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/regulation/europeleg/feedandfood/ncpuk>

If you require any further information about the UK NCP, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Michael Jackson
Head of Audit and Monitoring Unit