Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

24 November 2016

Dear ,

ATISN 10889 Cattle herd depopulation

Thank you for your request which I received on 27 October 2016 about Cattle herd depopulations. The information you requested is enclosed below and in attached documents.

Your request asked for information relating to:

Wales Government policy relating to use of full and partial herd depopulation in its BTb Eradication Programme.

- A decision to depopulate is taken on a case by case basis after considering the evidence provided by APHA case management vets relating to the size of the herd, type of enterprise, likely origin of infection, wider disease picture in the local area, sub-populations affected, severity of breakdown in terms of pathology, numbers of reactors identified over time & number of animals of different ages and management types remaining in the herd.

Details of the process by which a decision is taken to depopulate a herd is provided in the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) operations manual, definition provided below

Total Depopulation

- Total depopulation of a bovine herd might occur in circumstances where, because of widespread disease a herd is compulsorily slaughtered

Partial Depopulation in England and Wales

- Partial depopulation might occur where infection is not identified throughout all groups on the holding and depopulation is restricted to a specific group of cattle.

De-population is carried out following a case review between the case vet and the APHA Veterinary Head of Field Delivery, who then consults with a Welsh Government Veterinary Adviser.

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You have also asked for the following:

The following details of each herd fully and partially depopulated in years 2010 to 2015.

County in which the herd is resident plus a separate list for the IAA

Type of herd i.e. Dairy or Beef.

Number of cattle in herd and number slaughtered.

Previous dates herd was subject to Btb restriction.

Result of any post slaughter test and inspection

Copies of epidemiological reports for each case.

Please find attached a spreadsheet that summarises the majority of the information that you have requested. Copies of epidemiological reports are not held by the Welsh Government.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely