



Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 12165

Dyddiad/Date: 11 April 2018

Dear,

ATISN 12165 – Follow up to Request for Information

Our letter of 9 April provided information for the years 2013 to 2017 about:

- The number of XC non-compliances in Wales relating to SMR 6 (Livestock Identification and Traceability - Pigs), SMR 7 (Livestock Identification and Traceability - Cattle) and SMR 8 (Livestock Identification and Traceability - Sheep/goats)
- For each XC non-compliance, the specific requirement breached and / or breach description, or - for SMR 7 - the discrepancy code (so I can see what specific part of the rules were broken)

Please see the attached spreadsheet (as you originally requested) to include all of the data from 2012-17.

You also asked us to check the figures for:

- SMR 7 (cattle) - the overall figure given is 22,797 non-compliances during the whole period. It just seemed very high (figures for England, by comparison, are 8,178). I also wanted to check that these cases did not necessarily result in subsidy payments being sanctioned?

The figures for SMR 7 (cattle) are for non-compliances. These are the number of discrepancies identified – it is the number of animals with issues, and one animal may have more than one discrepancy. It is not the number of holdings/ keepers/ businesses that received a penalty. Not all of these would result in a sanction.

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 letter.

Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ
or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@gov.wales

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner, who 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

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