

## Annex

### Request

*We request the current number of individuals qualified (and so authorised by the Agency) as “approved veterinarians” as defined by Article 1 (f) of Regulation (EC) 854/2004, be provided, along with their approximate geographic location.*

### Response

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is currently reviewing the list of Approved Veterinarians. As of 2 August, the FSA holds a list of 52 Approved Veterinarians within England and Wales, their approximate geographical locations are contained in the table below:

<b>Approximate Geographic Location</b>	<b>Number of Approved Veterinarians</b>
Devon	1
Nottinghamshire	5
Lincolnshire	1
Cheshire	1
Gloucestershire	3
Cleveland	1
Cumbria	3
Cornwall	2
Cambridgeshire	1
Worcester	1
Wiltshire	4
York	6
Hampshire	1
Bristol	1
Hereford	2
Somerset	12
Leicester	3
Northumberland	1
Birmingham	1
Kent	2

As the FSA are currently reviewing numbers of Approved Veterinarians any veterinarian can apply for designation by contacting the FSA Approvals and Registration Team at [Approvals@food.gov.uk](mailto:Approvals@food.gov.uk).

Authorised official veterinarians working on behalf of the FSA are also qualified to carry out on farm ante mortem inspection of farmed game and fractious bovines working independently of the FSA.