

Annex

Request

Please find below my freedom of information request regarding horse slaughter in the UK.

- 1. In 2019 how many horses were slaughtered in total at licensed slaughterhouses in the UK?*
- 2. (i) Where was the horse meat distributed to? (ii) Which countries was horse meat exported to?*
- 3. If this information is recorded, what breeds of horses made up the total slaughter number eg. how many thoroughbreds, Dartmoor ponies etc?*

Response

Point 1

The FSA is responsible for slaughterhouses in England, Northern Ireland and Wales. Food Standards Scotland is responsible for slaughterhouses in Scotland.

During 2019 in England, Northern Ireland and Wales a total of 2,165 animals in the soliped/equidea category were presented at slaughter for human consumption.

Requests for information relating to slaughterhouses in Scotland can be sent to FSS at openness@fss.scot

Point 2

(i) The FSA does not hold records of distribution of products. The role of the FSA is to verify that the Food Business Operator traceability is in line with the current regulations.

(ii) The FSA does not hold records of exports; the FSA role is to verify checks and documentation are completed in line with the current regulations.

Requests for information regarding exports should be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency at enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Point 3

The FSA does not record breeds presented for slaughter.