

Annex

Request

You requested the following information:

- 1. A breakdown of the number of slaughterhouses in England that had by 5 November 2018 failed to install and operate CCTV systems in all areas where there are live animals, as set out in the Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018.*
- 2. A breakdown of the number of slaughterhouses in England that had installed and were operating CCTV systems in all areas where there are live animals by 5 November.*
- 3. The number of total slaughterhouses in England required to comply with the Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018 legislation.*
- 4. If the numbers provided to questions 1 and 2 do not equal the number provided to question 3, an explanation as to the status of those slaughterhouses neither considered to have installed CCTV systems, nor to have not installed them.*

Response

1. 101 slaughterhouses were not fully compliant with the Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018 on 5 November 2018. 18 of the 101 slaughterhouses had no CCTV system in place.
2. 125 slaughterhouses were fully compliant with the Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018 on 5 November 2018.
3. On 5 November 2018, 237 slaughterhouses in England were required to comply with the Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018 legislation.
4. On 5 November 2018, 11 slaughterhouses were not operational, either because they were temporarily closed or because they choose to operate on a seasonal basis.

Background

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has recently provided more up to date figures to Parliament on slaughterhouses that were deemed non-compliant:

www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-12-05/199273/

Of the non-compliant slaughterhouses, 16 which use gas stunning required additional guidance on whether CCTV cameras were required inside this equipment. These premises have been given until 19 December to comply. It is expected that once these sites are compliant around 96% of slaughterhouse activity will be covered.

The majority of slaughterhouses in England are already compliant with mandatory CCTV regulations and the number continues to increase.

The FSA has begun enforcement action against all operators who are yet to comply as set out in our guidelines.

As part of this process, we will take into consideration those businesses who are working to meet the requirements within a reasonable period of time.

However, businesses who fail to do so will face further enforcement action.

Further information on the regulations on the mandatory use of CCTV in slaughterhouses can be found [here](#).