Food Standards Agency: Information released under the Freedom of Information Act

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## Request

An itemised table of enforcement action taken by the Food Standards Agency against abattoirs in England and Wales since 5 November 2018 for failing to install CCTV. I would like itemised information in the table to include: the names and addresses of all abattoirs the FSA has taken enforcement action against for failure to install CCTV, the dates enforcement actions were taken against abattoirs and what enforcement action was taken against each abattoir.

## Response

The data you have requested is provided in the attached Excel Spreadsheet. Some information has been redacted and withheld under section 31 of the Act. The establishment names and addresses have been removed and replaced with a deterministic modifier, using a unique code for each establishment.

The information provided in the spreadsheet lists enforcement actions taken since 5 November 2018 for failure to install CCTV that is compliant with <a href="The Mandatory Use">The Mandatory Use</a> of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018.

The Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (England) Regulations 2018 legislation is not applicable in Wales.

## **Background**

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

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

The FSA has begun enforcement action against all slaughterhouse operators who have not complied as set out in our guidelines.

A non-compliance may result in multiple enforcement actions in accordance with FSA's hierarchy of enforcement. This includes issuing verbal advice, informal advisory letters (written advice), formal statutory notices (CCTV Enforcement Notice) and recommendation for prosecution as set out in our guidance.

Enforcement actions will detail the date by which the business must comply. This date may be extended on occasions to account for complications outside of the slaughterhouse operators control.

Many enforcement actions have resulted in compliance and the great majority of slaughterhouses in England are compliant with mandatory CCTV regulations.

Further information on the regulations on the mandatory use of CCTV in slaughterhouses can be found here.