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DISPOSAL OF FALLEN STOCK ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT: NEW ARRANGEMENTS

This letter is to let you know about the new requirements for disposal of fallen stock on the Isle of Wight which will apply from 30 November 2011.

From this date new legislation applies (*The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2011*) which makes it an offence to dispose of fallen stock by burial on the island, and instead requires livestock owners to dispose of their fallen stock in accordance with the EU Animal By-Products Regulation 1069/2009, i.e. by rendering or incineration.

This change has come about as a result of a challenge to the existing derogation for the island as a remote area by the European Commission, which argued that the island did not meet the 'remote area' criteria set out in the Regulation and required that we remove it.

Defra is providing some initial funding support and along with the Isle of Wight Council, The National Fallen Stock CIC (NFSCo), and the local National Farmers Union has been working on arrangements to provide a new reliable and reasonably priced collection service which will apply from the above date. The performance of the service will be monitored over the next 12 months, and this will inform decisions about future delivery of the service.

Attached to this letter is guidance on the changes in a Question & Answer format, and a factsheet from the National Fallen Stock CIC (NFSCo) which explains more about the arrangements, including collection prices and how you can join the new Scheme .

Yours sincerely

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Q1: What is 'fallen stock'?

'Fallen stock' is any animal that has died of natural causes or disease on a farm or that has been killed on a farm for reasons other than for human consumption. This includes all farmed animals including horses, afterbirth & stillborn animals.

Q2: At the moment I can bury my fallen stock. How will the position change for me?

At present the Isle of Wight is designated a 'remote area'. This designation means burial of fallen stock is permitted, provided it is carried out in accordance with certain conditions. From 30 November 2011 this will no longer be the case. The Isle of Wight will be falling into line with the position on mainland UK which, with the exception of horses, requires fallen stock to be disposed of by rendering or incineration. In addition, from this date the island will no longer be exempt from the requirements for BSE testing of cattle

Q3: What will the position be for horse owners?

For horse owners the position is slightly different. The EU Regulations include a derogation permitting the burial of horses-so if you wish to do so, you may bury your horse, following your local authority and Environment Agency guidelines. These are likely to require burial sites to:

- be at least 250 metres away from any well borehole or spring that supplies water
- be at least 30 metres from any other spring or watercourse, and at least 10 metres from a field drain
- have at least 1 metre of subsoil below the bottom of the burial pit, allowing a hole deep enough for at least 1 metre of soil to cover the carcass
- be free of water at the bottom of the hole, when first dug.

Of course you may also make your own arrangements to dispose of your horse at an approved incineration facility or use the collection service that is being provided under the Scheme (membership is free). Note that the service provider may be able to offer a range of additional bespoke collection and disposal services at a premium on request

Q4: Why has the situation changed?

The EU Animal By-Products Regulation sets out the legal requirements for the disposal of fallen stock, and allows burial in areas classified as 'remote'. However, the European Commission have challenged our interpretation of the Isle of Wight as a 'remote area', and have asked us to remove the derogation. We agreed to do this once a solution for disposal of fallen stock from the Island had been found.

To this end, Defra is providing some initial funding support and has been working closely with the Isle of Wight Council, The National Fallen Stock Company (NFSCo), and the local National Farmers Union to develop a pilot scheme, administered by the National Fallen Stock CIC (NFSCo) which has contracted a collection service (run by a mainland operator IC Services). This scheme will be reviewed after 12 months.

Q5: How must I dispose of my fallen stock in the future?

By law, from 30 November 2011 all fallen farm animals - including stillborn animals - must be collected by an approved transporter, and taken for disposal or treatment to an approved:

- Knacker
- Hunt kennel
- Maggot farm
- Incinerator
- Renderer

Fallen stock must be collected, identified and transported without 'undue delay'. This means as soon as is reasonably practical under the circumstances.

Q6: How can I arrange for collection & disposal of my fallen stock?

You can make your own arrangements to dispose of fallen stock via approved rendering or incineration facilities, or you can make arrangements through the National Fallen Stock Scheme.

- **If you want to use the National Fallen Stock Scheme collection service**, you need to contact The National Fallen Stock CIC (NFSCo) and register as a member. You can then contact the registered collector (IC Services) whenever you have fallen stock. Collections will be made 3 times a week. A list of collection prices and a NFSCo information sheet explaining how to join is attached to this letter. NFSCo have also offered to waive the new members 'joining fee' for farmers on the Island.
- **If you want to make your own arrangements**, unless you have your own approved incineration facilities you will need to contact an approved knacker, hunt kennel, maggot farm, incinerator or renderer to arrange for collection and disposal.

Q7: What if I need to have my animal put down prior to arrival of the collection service?

You can contact your local vet, or your local authority who can provide details of a licenced slaughterer (Tel 01983 823370).

Q8: What about changes to the BSE Testing requirements?

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) is a fatal brain disease of adult cattle which causes progressive nervousness, weakness and loss of condition. **By law, you must report any suspected cases of BSE to AHVLA** (Tel: 01189 596695). Guidance on notifiable diseases can also be found at: www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/animals/diseases/.

Defra funds a BSE sampling and testing programme which provides information on the level of BSE and helps ensure controls are proportionate to the risk. **All fallen cattle, which die or are killed other than for human consumption, aged over 48 months must be sampled and tested for BSE.** By law, you must contact a fallen stock collector within 24 hours of your animal's death to arrange delivery to an approved BSE sampling site within 72 hours of the animal's death. If you are delivering the carcass, you must contact an approved sampling site to agree this within 24 hours, and must deliver the carcass within 72 hours of the animal's death. AHLVA can provide a list of approved BSE

sampling sites. BSE sampling for eligible animals will be arranged through the National Fallen Stock Scheme service provider.

NATIONAL FALLEN STOCK CIC IOW INFORMATION SHEET

Please note this information is correct at the time of removal of the derogation to bury fallen stock may be subject to change.

HOW TO JOIN

Farmers and horse owners may register to become a member of the Scheme at any time –the one off joining fee will be waived for members on the IOW.

The easiest way to join is over the phone by **Calling 0845 054 8888**

Farmers will need to have the following information to hand:

- Contact Details
- Business Name and Address (if different from contact details)
- Address of Additional Collections Points
- Bank Account Details
- Email Address
- VAT number (if applicable)
- Type of Stock you wish to have collected

Lines are open 9.00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday

Upon joining the scheme farmers will receive a copy of our Terms and Conditions together with a copy of the Members commitment document.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual Membership Certificates
- Annual Compliance Statements
- Benefit from Government contributions where applicable
- Only one invoice per month from NFSCo
- One direct debit payment per month to NFSCo
- The Scheme only relates cost to usage so the farmer only pays for what he uses
- Regular newsletters updating members of current and future developments
- Regular updates in relation to Research and Development
- First class, efficient and friendly service offered by staff experienced in the livestock sector
- Board of directors committed to finding ways of reducing costs and improving profits of British livestock producers by investing in research into alternative methods of storage and disposal of fallen stock
- Dispute resolution services

HOW THE PILOT WILL WORK

Collections

When members have fallen stock they will contact **Ian Cray, I C Services, 3 Mailhouse Court, Frome, Somerset BA11 4BJ; Telephone 07889 302 902**, who will collect all

species for which they have provided prices. Collections will be made three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

On picking up the fallen stock, I C Services is required to deliver a signed NFSCo receipt to the member. As acceptance of the accuracy of the receipt, the member should if possible, countersign the receipt. If this is not possible, an unsigned copy must be left at the member's address. The member must notify the collector within 72 hours of collection if no receipt has been received.

The member has 72 hours to dispute a receipt directly with the collector after which if it cannot be resolved it should be referred to NFSCo.

Payment

Members will receive a monthly statement from NFSCo summarising the categories and quantities of fallen stock collected.

The monthly statement will list the actual cost of collection. A NFSCo administration fee of £1.75 for members who receive statements by post- or a reduced fee of £1.25 for those opting for email invoicing will be applied to the monthly statement - only if a member uses the service in the same month.

An annual compliance statement which will enable a farmer to show any compliance inspector an up to date record of all fallen stock collections through NFSCo over the past twelve months will be available. There will be a small administration fee to cover report generation and printing of the annual compliance statement which will cost £4.65 plus VAT. Members must contact NFSCo, preferably by email, if they do not wish to receive the compliance statement which will be invoiced on the 31st January annually.

Members have 14 days to dispute any items on the statement. After this time, NFSCo will debit the member for undisputed amounts using the variable direct debit mandate set up at registration.

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Isle of Wight NFSCo Tariff – Effective from 30 November 2011

To become a member of the National Fallen Stock CIC please contact the member helpline on 08450 548888 quoting ref IOW2012. Note registration as a member of NFSCo is free of charge.

Species	Service	All prices are £ per animal, excluding VAT, unless otherwise stated	
Bovine	Bovine 0 – 1 month	£20.00	
	Bovine 2 - 3 months	£20.00	
	Bovine 4 – 6 months	£37.50	
	Bovine 7 – 12 months	£65.00	
	Bovine 13 – 23 months	£95.00	
	Bovine 24 months+ (No TSE) Female	£125.00	
	Bovine 24 months+ (No TSE) Male	£135.00	
	Bovine Sampling TSE - Female	£125.00	
	Bovine Sampling TSE - Male	£135.00	
	Bovine per 10kg	£12.50	
	Sheep	Lambs 0 – 1 month	£7.00
Lambs 2 – 12 months		£17.50	
Sheep over 12 months		£25.00	
10+ Lambs 0 – 1 month		£3.50	
10+ Lambs 2 – 12 months		£12.00	
10+ Sheep over 12 months		£17.00	
Sheep/Lambs per 10kg		£12.50	
Pig	Piglet/Suckling 0 – 7kg	£7.00	
	Growers/Weaners 7 – 30kg	£17.50	
	Finishing/Fattening 30 – 150kg	£37.00	
	Pigs/Breeding 150kg+	£70.00	
	Pigs/Piglets per 10kg (up to 250kg)	£12.50	
	Pigs/Piglets per 10kg (over 250kg)	£7.00	
Poultry	Poultry per 10kg (up to 250kg)	£12.50	
	Poultry per 10kg (over 250kg)	£7.00	

Goat	Goats 0 – 1 month	£12.50
	Goats 2 – 12 months	£32.50
	Goats 12 months+	£37.50
	Goats per 10kg	£12.50
Deer	Deer under 12 months	£22.50
	Deer 12 months+	£35.00
	Deer per 10kg	£12.50
Fish	Non ensiled fish per 10kg	£12.50
	Ensiled fish per 10kg	£12.50
Others	Mixed animals per 10kg	£12.50
	Llama under 12 months	£32.50
	Llama 12 months+	£50.00
	Llama per 10kg	£12.50
	Alpaca	£50.00
	Ostriches	£50.00
	Rabbits	£7.00

PLEASE CONTACT IAN CRAY AT I. C. SERVICES DIRECT TO ARRANGE FOR A COLLECTION ON [07889 302902](tel:07889302902), QUOTING YOUR NFSCo MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

Horse Tariffs

Species	Service	All prices are £ per animal excluding VAT
Horse	Foals per 10kg	£12.50
	Pony foals up to 12 months	£60.00
	Horse foals up to 12 months	£80.00
	Equine up to 14.2 hh	£150.00
	Equine over 14.2 hh	£200.00
	Donkeys	£150.00
	As above after euthanasia by vet	No extra charge
	As above after shooting by collector	No extra charge
	Attendance at specified time	£200.00
	Incineration & return of ashes	£900.00
	Roadside attendance	To be confirmed
	Urgent request for assistance	To be confirmed
	Out of hours attendance	To be confirmed

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