

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: Consultation Document from Scottish Office Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries Department (SOEAFD) on the Draft Animal By-Products Order 1999
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 31st December, 1998 Ref: GB/TM	

PROPOSED DECISION

To note the report and thereafter send the comments to the Scottish Office Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries Department (SOEAFD.)

REPORT

The Department has been consulted on a new Draft Animal By-Products Order and proposes that the six main questions raised in the proposal be answered as follows:-

a) Should catering waste containing pig or poultry material continue to be fed to pigs and poultry?

- Annex B Para. 5 states that mammalian animal by-products which includes pig slaughterhouse waste can no longer be fed to pigs.

Para. 6 of the same Annex states that the Order will introduce new controls on the use of 'will.'

Appendix 4 para.8 states that although the risk is small there is still the potential to spread disease where pig and poultry waste is fed to the same species and the Spongiform Encephalopathy Committee recommended to the Government that the risk should be removed.

Therefore turning to the question posed at **a)** above it would appear that catering waste which will contain mammalian food waste, including pig waste, should not be fed to and livestock or poultry.

b) Should rendered animal protein intended for use in pet food be subject to microbiological tests?

- Any contamination would be post rendering. Since the Food Safety Act 1990 does not apply, continued microbiological tests would therefore only act as a further check on the quality of the finished product but would none the less be beneficial to animal health.

c) **What should constitute a "batch" for the purposes of sampling rendered animal protein for the presence of *Clostridium perfringens*?**

- A batch should be the quantity of material which, after processing, is held in the same storage silo prior to packaging or alternatively, in the case of a continuous process, a day's production.

d) **Should laboratories, which are already approved to test for *Salmonella*, be inspected before approval is granted to carry out the new tests for the presence of *Enterobacteriaceae* in rendered animal protein?**

- There may be a strength of feeling that further inspection could not be justified. Perhaps N.A.M.A.S. Accreditation would suffice with no need for further inspection prior to approval be granted to carry out these new tests.

e) **Should records be kept of the disposal or use of mammalian material which has not been rendered?**

- The keeping of records should not prove onerous for renderers as the information is kept by them for other commercial purposes. However it will strengthen the other statutory controls on the safe disposal of material which has not been rendered to 133 degrees centigrade and 3 bar pressure so as to prevent its use for any unauthorised purposes.

f) **Should petfood be considered a feedingstuff?**

- In the circumstances described in paras. 6 and 7 of Appendix 2 it would be preferable in future to consider petfood as a feedingstuff.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the report and send the comments detailed therein to SOEAFD.

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