

F-2013-00257 - Questions regarding catering and suppliers used at the HFEA

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Summary of request

The Authority was asked a number of questions regarding suppliers used and catering bought by the HFEA.

Answers were requested to a number of questions listed below:

1. The percentage of fresh meat purchased by your organisation or its sub-contractors that is of British origin.
2. The percentage of frozen meat purchased by your organisation or its sub-contractors that is of British origin.
3. The percentage of meat-related products purchased by your organisation or its sub-contractors that is of British origin.
4. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with fresh meat of British origin.
5. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with frozen meat of British origin.
6. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with meat-related products of British origin.
7. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with milk of British origin.
8. Whether you require your suppliers to only supply the organisation with milk-related products of British origin.
9. Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services or other food-related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British fresh meat.
10. Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services or other food-related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British frozen meat.
11. Whether your contracts with organisations that provide catering services and other food related services to your organisation include a clause requiring them to only use/buy British meat-related products.

HFEA response

The HFEA does not directly purchase or have suppliers that provide us with meat or meat-related products. All of our catering is provided by the Care Quality Commission (via its own contracted service company) with whom we share a building or by any venue hired by the HFEA for events. In such cases all requirements for the origin of purchased meat and meat-related products are considered to be a matter between that particular organisation and their contractors. Therefore we do not hold the information you have requested.