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ENFORCEMENT CONTROLS ON INTERNATIONAL CATERING WASTE

I am writing to provide revised guidance on roles and responsibilities for enforcement of international catering waste (ICW).

Enforcement of controls on ICW should be carried out in partnership between local authorities, port health authorities and Animal Health. The aim of the guidance is to increase understanding of each authority's role in enforcement and to improve communications on ICW whilst allowing for flexibility in approach to accommodate the individual situation at each port.

The guidance is also being sent to Animal Health today. I have asked Divisional Veterinary Managers (DVMs) to contact local authorities to arrange a meeting to discuss enforcement controls on ICW within the next six months. If you are responsible for a port or airport and you do not hear from your DVM by the end of the year please let me know by an e-mail to IAH-Import@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

If you need further information or have any queries please contact your DVM in the first instance. For policy queries please contact Amanda Furlonger on the e-mail address above.

Yours sincerely

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