

Guidance on the Disposal of farm Animal Carcasses

Animal By-Products Regulations 2005

"Animal by-product", for this purpose, includes "animals and parts of animals that have died, other than by being slaughtered for human consumption", and "where specified risk material has not been removed, entire bodies of dead animals containing specified risk material".

These Regulations require that fallen farm animals (including stillborn animals) are collected and transported without UNDUE DELAY to:

1. an APPROVED PREMISES for:

- incineration
- rendering
- disposal at a technical plant, or

2. an AUTHORISED KNACKERS-YARD or AUTHORISED PREMISES for:

- diagnostic, educational or research purposes
- taxidermy
- feeding to:

- zoo and circus animals, reptiles, and birds of prey;
- dogs from recognised kennels or recognised packs of hounds;
- maggots for fishing bait.

Burial or burning is ONLY permitted on the Isles of Scilly and Lundy Island.

BSE monitoring - cattle over 24 months

Cattle keepers are legally required to report the death of any bovine animal over 24 months of age to Animal Handling Facilities (telephone: 0800 525890). Once reported, the carcass will be removed from your premises at the earliest possible opportunity and taken for sampling. No charge is made for this collection and disposal service. Failure to notify within 24 hours of death, or of the carcass coming into your possession/charge, is an offence.

Disposal, collection and transportation

Animal by-products must be collected and transported in covered leak-proof containers/vehicles which must be cleansed, washed and disinfected after each use; maintained in a clean condition and be clean and dry before use, and which are labelled 'Not for animal consumption'.

During transportation, a 'commercial document' must accompany the animal by-product specifying:

- (a) the date the material was moved;
- (b) a description of the material and the category description (ear tag number if applicable);
- (c) the quantity of material;
- (d) the place of origin of material;
- (e) the name and address of the carrier, and

(f) the name and address of the receiver and the approval number (if applicable).

The original commercial document, from a triplicate series, must be retained by the receiver. The producer and carrier retain additional copies.

Persons *consigning* animal by-products to permitted places of disposal must, additionally, keep a record showing (a), (b) and (e) as above, including the destination (if known).

Persons *transporting* animal by-products to permitted places of disposal must, additionally, keep a record showing (a), (b) and (d) as above, including the destination (if known).

Persons *receiving* animal by-products at permitted places of disposal must, additionally, keep a record showing (b), (d) and (e) as above, including the date of receipt.

Commercial documents and all records must be retained for at least two years and produced on demand to an inspector.

Failure to comply with the requirements is an offence against the Animal By-Products Regulations 2005.

This leaflet is not an authoritative interpretation of the law and is intended only for guidance.

For further information, please contact **Environmental Protection, Animal Health Section, Swindon Borough Council, Premier House, Station Road, SN1 1TZ**

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