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ANNUAL RETURN

ANNUAL RETURN MADE UNDER SECTION 80 OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981

This statutory return is required to be made and laid before Parliament in accordance with Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981 and includes only data relating to England and Wales.

This return is also laid before Senedd Cymru/Welsh Parliament.

The Scottish Government Rural Directorate will compile a separate report.

The Report covers prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and other animal health and welfare legislation.

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TABLE 1**CONVICTIONS ACHIEVED UNDER THE ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981 AND OTHER ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE LEGISLATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN 2023**

Policy area	Convictions achieved
Animal By-Products	15
Biosecurity (including animal gatherings)	0
Cattle Identification, Movement and Records	7
Sheep & Goat Identification, Movement and Records	3
Pig Identification, Movement and Records	0
Disease Control and Standing Regime Controls	2
Welfare on Farm (including Medicine Records)	20
Welfare during Transport	5
Welfare at Markets (and other places of sale)	1
Birds, Poultry and Hatching Eggs (incl. avian influenza)	1
Bovine Tuberculosis	2
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	0
Imports/Rabies	0
Equine Identification/Horse Passports	0
Sheep Scab	1
Feed Hygiene	0

This return is compiled from information supplied to APHA by local authorities using Defra form AH134

TABLE 2**COMPENSATION PAID FOR ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ANIMAL DISEASES IN 2023**

Type of disease	Amount (£):
Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy	Nil
Bovine Offspring Cull (BOC)	Nil
Cohort Cull (England)	Nil
Cohort Cull (Wales)	Nil
Scrapie	Nil
Compulsory Scrapie Flocks Scheme	Nil
Bovine Tuberculosis	£51,375,348
Notifiable Disease	£7,022,345
TOTAL GROSS COMPENSATION	£58,397,693
Less receipts from salvage of carcasses:	
Bovine Tuberculosis	-£14,735,383
TOTAL NET COMPENSATION PAID	£43,662,310

All figures have been rounded up to the nearest pound (£).

TABLE 3

NUMBER OF IMPORTED ANIMALS AND BIRDS LANDED AND FOUND TO BE AFFECTED BY A NOTIFIABLE DISEASE IN 2023

Legislation	Type of animal	Number	Countries of origin	Ports of landing	Type of disease	Methods of disposal
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil