

To: Lead Feed Officers
Cc: TSI, CoSLA, SFELC

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Dear Colleague,

Animal Feed Review in Scotland

As I am sure you are aware, I presented a paper to the FSS Board on 16 September on the Animal Feed Review in Scotland. A copy of the paper is available at the following link:

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/sites/default/files/Board%20Meeting%20-%202015%20September%2016%20-%20Animal%20feed%20paper%20150905%20Final%2010%20September%202015.pdf>

The review of the delivery of official controls took place in the UK in 2012/13 following unfavourable FVO and FSA audits and changes have already been implemented in England and Wales, where they have adopted a regional approach to delivery. This review was not progressed in Scotland at the same time due to the establishment of Food Standards Scotland.

In Scotland, we engaged with the Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland in developing the options paper that was delivered to the Board. The paper provided 4 options: retain the current arrangements, a regional local authority approach, a centralised approach (where FSS is the enforcing authority) and the use of industry control bodies. The Board agreed that we should progress a regional approach. However, recognising the risks of a regional approach, asked us also to take steps to be able to implement a centralised approach, if necessary.

We are in the process of discussing these issues with Cosla and Scottish Government and once those discussions have concluded, we will have a clearer picture of how this work will develop in the coming months. At that stage, I will, of course, be back in touch with you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information on this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Angus'.

Jacqui Angus
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