

To: Lead Food Officers

Cc: REHIS, SFELC

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Dear Colleague

Fairfax Meadow begins voluntary withdrawal of meat products

Dear Colleague,

On Sunday 11th February, FSS and FSA published details of a withdrawal of meat products by Fairfax Meadow. More detailed information can be found by accessing the link below:

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/news-and-alerts/fairfax-meadow-begins-voluntary-withdrawal-of-some-of-its-meat-products>

A copy of the text on the FSS website is provided below:

Fairfax Meadow has today begun the voluntary withdrawal of some of its meat products from its customers in the catering trade. This follows unannounced inspections by the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland on Thursday 8 February.

Those unannounced inspections revealed concerns about the procedures and processes the company had been using to apply use by dates on some of its products.

Our review is ongoing but the company has acted properly and proportionately in swiftly withdrawing potentially affected products from the market.

Fairfax Meadow responded immediately to our concerns and are now changing their procedures. We are satisfied with the changes that are being made and at present we are not anticipating the need for enforcement action.

Public health remains our top priority and at no stage has there been any indication that people have become ill from eating meat supplied by Fairfax Meadow. We, along with local authorities, are continuing to assess the situation and we are working with the business to oversee their product withdrawal.

We are still awaiting list of companies supplied and as such we may be in touch to verify the withdrawal.

Yours sincerely

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