

To: Lead Food Officers
cc: Forestry and Land Scotland , SFELC

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Dear Colleague

Changes to Activities in Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) Game Larders.

Food Standards Scotland would like to make Local Authorities aware of a pilot that is due to start shortly in Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) registered game larders. FLS are in the process of tendering the sale of their venison products i.e. whole deer carcasses, eviscerated and in skin and as part of this sale tender exercise, they are also looking to include the 'plucks'.

Below is an outline of the procedure they intend to put in place in their game larders to support this new activity;

FLS procedures for processing, tagging and storing deer plucks will be as follows:

- All FLS Deer larders are registered with the local authorities.
- All deer controllers working in our deer larder are 'qualified as 'Trained Hunters'
- Temperatures in our deer larders are set to run between 1°C and 3°C
- Pluck will only be removed from carcass when the carcass is within the larder (Plucks must not touch the ground).
- Plucks will be inspected.
- Any pluck found with any abnormalities, i.e. tumours, fluke, diseased or liver badly damaged by bullet will not be presented.
- Pluck will be attached to an S hook and weighed .
- Pluck will then be hung on a separate rail or gambrel (will not touch wall, other carcasses or other plucks).
- Weight of pluck will be recorded when inputting carcass details into SWMS (FLS database).
- A tag will then be produced for attaching to the pluck (it will have a code of PL after the tag number).
- The tag will then be attached around the windpipe.
- When the game dealer collects the plucks, they will put the plucks into individual sterile plastic bags for onwards transportation to their premises for inspection by a FSS meat inspector.

Information on the hygiene regulations for food businesses that supply wild game and for people who hunt wild game and supply it either in-fur or in-feather or as small quantities of wild game meat can be found [here](#).

FSS would request that LA's:

- Ensure that the FLS games larders listed in their LA, according to annex 1 of this letter, match their records and;
- Where an LA has concerns about a larders ability to meet the activities outlined above that they contact Ian Fergusson, Deer Management Officer at Forestry and Land Scotland on ian.fergusson@forestryandland.gov.scot or **telephone: 01313705267**.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1 - Forestry and Land Scotland Game Larders

FES Deer larders List April 2019				
District	Larder Name	Larder Address	Post Code	Local Authority area.
Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest Dis	Bennachie	Bennachie Office Monymusk	AB51 7SQ	Aberdeenshire
Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest Dis	Huntly	Portsoy Road, Huntly	AB54 4SJ	Aberdeenshire
Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest Dis	Durris	Kirkton Of Durris, Durris	AB31 6BP	Aberdeenshire
Tay Forest District	Formal	Formal Farm,Kiltry, Blairgowrie	PH11 8QG	Angus
West Argyll Forest District	Campbeltown	Snipefield Ind Estate, Campbel	PA28 6SY	Argyll and Bute
West Argyll Forest District	Cairnbaan	FE Workshop, Cairnbaan,Lochgil	PA31 8SQ	Argyll and Bute
West Argyll Forest District	Ford	Ford by Lochgilphead, Argyll	PA318RH	Argyll and Bute
West Argyll Forest District	Barcaldine	Barcaldine Depot,Barcaldine,A	PA37 1SG	Argyll and Bute
West Argyll Forest District	Dalmally	Dalmally,Argyll	PA33 1BB	Argyll and Bute
West Argyll Forest District	Aros	Aros, Isle of Mull	PA72 6JP	Argyll and Bute
Cowal and Trossach Forest District	Glenbranter	Forest Stores,Strachur,Cairndo	PA27 8DJ	Argyll and Bute
Galloway Forest District Office	Glentrool	Glentrool FC Buildings, Glentrool	DG8 6SZ	Dumfries and Galloway
Galloway Forest District Office	New Galloway	Caim Edward, New Galloway, Ca	DG7 3RZ	Dumfries and Galloway
Dumfries and Borders Office	Ae	Ae Forest Office, Ae Village, Dur	DG1 1QB	Dumfries and Galloway
Dumfries and Borders Office	Dalbeattie	Aikieslack,Dalbeattie	DG5 4QU	Dumfries and Galloway
Tay Forest District	Tentsmuir	Tentsmuir Forest,Tayport, Fife	DD6 9PF	Fife
North Highland FD	Dale Farm	UHI. Dale Farm,Halkirk,Caithne	KW126UW	Highland
North Highland FD	Lairg	Ord Croft, Lairg, Sutherland	IV27 4AZ	Highland
North Highland FD	Tarlogie	Tarlogie, Tain, Ross-shire	IV19 1QA	Highland
North Highland FD	Torrachilty	Forest Office, by Contin, Strath	IV14 9EF	Highland
Inverness, Ross and Skye Forest Dis	Inshriach	Tombain, Dalnavert, by Aviemore	PH21 1NQ	Highland
Inverness, Ross and Skye Forest Dis	Shenval	Shenval, Glenurquhart, Inverne	IV63 6TW	Highland
Inverness, Ross and Skye Forest Dis	Achmore	Achmore, By Kyle, Lochalsh	IV53 8UT	Highland
Inverness, Ross and Skye Forest Dis	Inchnacardoch	Strathoich, Fort Augustus	PH32 4BT	Highland
Inverness, Ross and Skye Forest Dis	Foyers	Glenlia farm, Foyers, Inverness	IV2 6YA	Highland
Lochaber Forest District	Lochaline	Forest Office,Lochaline,Morven	PA80 5XT	Highland
Lochaber Forest District	Torlundy	Torlundy Depot, Fort William,In	PH33 6SW	Highland
Lochaber Forest District	Strontian	Forest Office, Strontian,Argyll	PH36 4JA	Highland
Moray and Aberdeenshire Forest Dis	Balnacoul	Balnacoul, Fochabers, Moray	IV32 7LL	Moray
Galloway Forest District Office	Arran	Arran Estate Office, Brodick, Isle	KA27 8EJ	North Ayrshire
Tay Forest District	Rannoch	Kennels,Bridge of Gaur,Rannoc	PH17 2QE	Perth and Kinross
Tay Forest District	Tummel	Tummel Bridge,Pitlochry	PH16 5SB	Perth and Kinross
Dumfries and Borders Office	Glentress	FC Depo, Glentress, Peebles	EH45 8ND	Scottish Borders
Dumfries and Borders Office	Hawick	Unit 3, Galalaw Business Park, H	TD9 8PZ	Scottish Borders
Galloway Forest District Office	Straiton	Stration Forest Office, Stration,M	KA19 7NG	South Ayrshire
Cowal and Trossach Forest District	Aberfoyle	Forest Office, Aberfoyle, Stirlin	FK8 3UX	Stirling
Cowal and Trossach Forest District	Strathyre	Strathyre,Callender, Perthshire	FK18 8NB	Stirling
Scottish Lowlands	5 Sisters	Five Sisters House, Five Sisters	EH55 8PN	West Lothian