

To: Local Authority Primary Production contacts
cc: Lead Food Officers, Lead Feed Officers, CoSLA, REHIS, TSI, SFELC

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Dear Colleague

Invitation to Apply for Primary Production Funding 2017-2018

You will be aware of the feed review in Scotland and the intention to centralise feed official controls delivery by 1 April 2017. The scope of the feed review includes primary production feed and food and we are still considering the different options available to deliver this function.

For various reasons, it will now not be possible to meet the 1 April 2017 but it remains our intention to implement a new regime for feed and primary production during 2017/18. As a result of this delay, we would like to invite you to apply for funding for primary production in 2017/18. If there are any changes to be made to these arrangements during 2017/18, as a result of the feed review work, local authorities shall be given three months' notice.

Please find attached an application form for funding for primary production enforcement in Scotland for 2017/18. In order to allow us to confirm allocated funding before the end of March 2017, we would be grateful if you could return your application form by email to us no later than **Friday 27 January 2017** (to doreen.tawse@fss.scot). Once all applications have been considered, final Service Level Agreements will be issued for signing.

The level of funding available for local authority inspections is in line with that available last year.

Yours faithfully



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