

Annex A

Request

You requested the following information:

Could you kindly provide, in spreadsheet format, the following data:

At 31 December of each year since 1980, the total number of British:

a) poultry and lagomorph slaughterhouses

b) domestic ungulate slaughterhouses

Response

In response to your question please see the Excel spreadsheet provided in Annex B. When interpreting the information please note that column 'PSL' refers to 'poultry and lagomorph slaughterhouses', and column 'RSL' refers to 'domestic ungulate slaughterhouses'.

Please note that we are only able to provide data from 1995 onwards as this was when the Meat Hygiene Service (MHS) (which joined the FSA on 1 April 2010 and for which we have access to MHS approvals data) took on the function of approvals for slaughterhouses from the Local Authorities.

You may wish to contact the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) for historical collated figures prior to 1995. Defra can be reached at helpline@defra.gov.uk.

Additionally, it is not possible for us to state the number of establishments which were approved at a specific date as this is not the way our data is held. We can however provide the number of establishments which were operational during each of the calendar years since 1995.

The data covers England, Wales and Scotland. We have included data for Scotland up to 2015, prior to the creation of Food Standards Scotland (FSS). Any information you require for Scotland which falls after this period will need to be requested directly from FSS, who can be reached at openness@fss.scot

Furthermore, you may find the list of approved establishments for the UK useful. This can be found on the FSA website at <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/approved-food-establishments> and is updated each month.