

Annex

Request

I would like to know the following information:

- *The whole genome sequence of the salmonella strain found in eggs subject to a Food Standards Agency alert dated 27/10/20 with contaminated batch code 1UK15270*
- *The number of human cases of this strain of salmonella and the dates they were reported*

Response

On the 27th October 2020, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) issued precautionary advice to consumers who purchased a specific batch of British Lion eggs which may have been contaminated with salmonella. This action was taken following a notification of test results from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) regarding an environmental sample taken from a farm. The information received advised the FSA that the environmental samples was positive for Salmonella enteritidis.

APHA have not supplied the whole genome sequencing (WGS) for this isolate to the FSA, but they confirmed via email that it matched, by WGS to what is commonly referred to by the team managing the incident as 't5:180'. The isolates on the APHA database obtained from farms, previously identified to be microbiologically linked with an outbreak of salmonellosis in humans. Public Health England (PHE) provided an update to the FSA on 16 November 2020 that there have been 72 human cases reported in this Salmonella outbreak, detected since January 2019.

We received confirmation from PHE on 03 November 2020 that from PHE analysis, the sequence APHA shared was the UK lineage for t5:180. As the FSA does not hold the detailed information of the WGS of the isolate detected you have requested, we ask that you re-directed this element of your request to APHA should you have ongoing concern.

The FSA do not hold details of the dates human cases associated with this outbreak were reported, this is held by PHE. We ask that you re-direct this element of your request to PHE should you have ongoing concern.