

Our reference: FOI 1606-1066/2014

By email: [REDACTED]

Date: 21 August 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – CONTAMINANTS IN SCOTTISH FARMED SALMON

Further to my letter of 8 August 2014 acknowledging your request for information which was received by us on 6 August 2014, I am now in a position to respond.

You requested the following:

Please provide detailed results of the most recent testing with regard to contaminants in Scottish farmed salmon.

Your request has been handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

I can advise that Food Standards Agency data on testing for contaminants, including contaminants in farmed salmon, is available on our food.gov website. Links to the most relevant FSA publications are provided below:

### Chemical contaminants

Survey of dioxins and PCBs in processed fish and fish products

- [http://www.foodbase.org.uk//admintools/reportdocuments/40\\_80\\_processed\\_fish\\_report.pdf](http://www.foodbase.org.uk//admintools/reportdocuments/40_80_processed_fish_report.pdf)

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in cereals, cereal products, vegetables, vegetable products and traditionally smoked foods

- <http://multimedia.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/poly-aromatic-hydrocarbons.pdf>

Dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in the UK diet: 2001 total diet study samples

- [http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/fsis38\\_2003.pdf](http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/fsis38_2003.pdf)

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Mercury in imported fish and shellfish, UK farmed fish and their products

- [http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/fsis40\\_2003.pdf](http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/fsis40_2003.pdf)
- [http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/fsis40\\_2003annex.pdf](http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/fsis40_2003annex.pdf)

### **Radioactive contaminants**

Radioactive substances in food and the environment are tested for under an annual programme run jointly in Scotland by FSA in Scotland and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. The reports (the most recent report of which is titled 'RIFE 18') are available on SEPA's website:

- [http://sepa.org.uk/radioactive\\_substances/publications/rife\\_reports.aspx](http://sepa.org.uk/radioactive_substances/publications/rife_reports.aspx)

Analysis of farmed (Scottish and NI) salmon for technetium and other radionuclides

- <http://multimedia.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/contact.pdf>

If you require information on veterinary medicines or pesticide residues, you may find it helpful to contact the Veterinary Medicines Directorate or the Chemicals Regulation Directorate respectively. Their contact details are:

- Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Surrey, KT15 3LS
- Chemicals Regulation Directorate, Defra, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

If you are not satisfied with the way the Agency has handled your request for information, you should write within two calendar months of the date of this letter to the Openness Team, and ask for an internal review. They will arrange for the Complaints Coordinator to conduct the review. Their address is Food Standards Agency, Room 2C Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NH (email: [Openness.team@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Openness.team@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk) ).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Agency. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or through the website at: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

