

Annex 1

Your request for information is as follows:

- A. the average age at slaughter of horses killed during each of 2014, 2015, and 2016 at slaughterhouses in England and Wales*
- B. the number of horses slaughtered between 2014 and end of 2016 at dedicated horse slaughterhouses in England and Wales whose carcasses were rejected for use as meat, and correspondingly, the number of horses slaughtered during the same period whose carcasses were used for meat (e.g. slaughtered for the purpose of sale as meat).*
- C. the number of horses slaughtered between 2014 and end of 2016 at dedicated horse slaughterhouses in England and Wales whose carcasses were rejected for use as meat specifically because passport information indicated that they had been treated with 'bute' i.e. phenylbutazone.*
- D. any details that are available of the sources of horses destined for slaughter at dedicated horse slaughterhouses in England and Wales for each calendar year between 2014 and end of 2016 to include livestock markets, horse racing breeders and trainers or others (e.g. numbers from each source in each year). Such details are requested to include numbers of horses slaughtered if possible at dedicated horse slaughterhouses in England and Wales during 2016 which came from each particular recorded source.*

Response

- A. Whilst we do record the numbers of animals slaughtered, by species, we do not routinely record the age of the animals slaughtered so we are unable to provide the information requested in relation to the average age of horses slaughtered during the specified time frames.
- B. The table below shows the number of horses slaughtered for human consumption as well as the number of horses rejected as unfit for human consumption between January 2014 and December 2016:

Time period	Horses slaughtered for human consumption	Horses rejected for human consumption
January 2014 to December 2016	11132	244

- C. Whilst we do record against some specific rejection conditions, Phenylbutazone is not one that we specifically record against. However, during the requested period we have rejected 2 horses because their passports have indicated that they have been treated with a substance whose administration prohibits them being slaughtered for human consumption.
- D. In regard to the source of horses destined for slaughter; we do not routinely record and hold this information in our database.