GUIDANCE ON THE DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL CARCASSES (ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS)

As required by the

ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS (ENFORCEMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

“Animal by-product” for this purpose includes Animals and parts of animals that have died other than by being slaughtered for human consumption, and where specified risk material has not been removed, entire bodies of dead animals containing specified risk material

They can present a risk to human and animal health if not used or disposed of safely, hence, these Regulations require that fallen farm animals (including stillborn animals) are collected and transported without undue delay to an approved premise:

- For Incineration
- For Rendering
- To Technical Plants
- Or to the following ‘Registered Premises’:

  1. For Diagnostic, Educational or Research purposes
  2. For Taxidermy
  3. Knacker Yard
  4. For Feeding to:

     - Zoo and Circus Animals, reptiles and birds of prey
     - Dogs from recognised kennels, recognised packs of hounds or dogs and cats in shelters
     - Maggots and worms for fishing bait

Burial or burning is only permitted on the Isles of Scilly and Lundy Island.

ABP transporters need to be registered unless they are already transporting ABPs solely in connection with their approved or registered premises. Transporter registration is not required in the case of a livestock keeper transporting carcasses of their own animals.

You must make you own arrangements to dispose of your fallen stock at an approved destination, or you can make the arrangements through the National Fallen Stock Scheme. You can find out how to do this by contacting the National Fallen Stock Company either via their web site www.nfsc.co.uk/ or by phone on 0845 054 8888

Horses (All Equidae) can now be buried subject to complying with certain
environmental requirements. It is an offence to cause "pollution of the environment" no matter where it occurs. The following guidelines represent good practice in order to avoid pollution.
So you will need to ensure that:

- burial sites are at least 250m from any well, borehole or spring that supplies water for human consumption or water for use in a farm dairies
- in England and Wales, burial sites are at least 30m from any other spring or watercourse, and at least 10m from any field drain
- there is at least 1m of subsoil below the bottom of any burial pit, allowing a hole deep enough for at least 1m of soil to cover the carcasses
- there is no standing water at the bottom of the hole when you first dig it
- you do not leave pits open or carcasses unburied as dogs, foxes and other scavengers could gain access to them
- the selected site is outside of Source Protection Zone 1 - There is a link to an interactive map showing the source protection zones on the Environment Agency website at [http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/37833.aspx](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/37833.aspx)

For further advice you should consult with your local Environment Agency office details can be found on the agency web site:

[http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/contactus)

**BSE Monitoring - Cattle over forty eight months**
All carcasses from cattle aged over 48 months must be tested for BSE. The Carcasses are the responsibility of the cattle keeper, who must within 24 hours of death arrange delivery to an approved sampling site or deliver the carcase themselves, in which case they should contact an approved sampling site to agree this within, 24 hours and must deliver the carcase within a further 48 hours:
Please add the barcode label to a movement card from the passport and send it to the sampling site with the carcase. Return the passport and/or registration certificate to BCMS. Do not send it with the carcase.

Contact your normal collector or the National Fallen Stock Company (NFSC) on 0845 054 8888.

**Material arising from Surgical Interventions**
This material such as Lambs tails, scrotums and hoof trimmings may now be buried. BUT this exemption does not include stillborn animals or fetuses.

**Disposal, Collection and Transportation**
Animal By-products must be collected and transported in covered leak-proof containers / vehicles which must be cleansed, washed and disinfected after each use, maintained in a clean condition and be clean and dry before use and which are labelled 'Not for Animal Consumption'.

During transportation a Commercial Document must accompany the animal by-
product, specifying:

a. Date the material was moved  
b. Description of the material and the category of the material (Ear tag number if applicable)  
c. Quantity of material  
d. Destination to which it was delivered  
e. Place of origin of material  
f. Name and address of carrier  
g. Name and address of receiver and approval number (if applicable)

The original commercial document, from a triplicate series, must be retained by the receiver. The producer and carrier retain additional copies.

A commercial document template is attached, for your use. Please photocopy for additional copies.

**Persons consigning** animal by-products to permitted places of disposal must additionally keep a record showing (a) (b) (e) as above, and including the destination (if known) (section 1 on template).

**Persons transporting** animal by-products to permitted places of disposal must additionally keep a record showing (a) (b) (d) as above, and including the destination (if known) (section 2 on template).

**Persons receiving** animal by-products at permitted places of disposal must additionally keep a record showing (b) (d) (e) as above, and including the date of receipt (section 3 on template).

Commercial Documents and all records must be retained for at least two years and produced on demand to an inspector.

You must ensure all by-products are covered/contained whilst awaiting collection/disposal to prevent animals/birds gaining access.

**Failure to comply with the requirements is an offence against the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2011**

This is not an authoritative document on the law, and is only intended for guidance. In the interests of brevity, some details have been omitted. Always refer to the Legislation for the exact requirements.

Consignor, Transporter & Receiver each to retain a copy of this document for 2 years.

| Section 1 (to be completed by Consignor) | Unique No: ………………
|-----------------------------------------|------------------
| Date Removed:                          |                  |
| Name of Consignor:                     | ………………………
| Lic/App/Reg No. Of Consignor           | ………………………
| Address of Consignor                   | ………………………
|                                        | ………………………Post Code…………
| Place of Origin of Material            | ………………………
| Animal Species (Including ear tag no’s)| ………………………
| Category of Material                   | ………………………
| Quantity of Material                   | ………………………
| Name of Haulier:                       | ………………………
| Signed for Consignor:                  | ………………………Name: …………………

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|                                        | ………………………Post Code…………
| Registration No of Vehicle            | ………………………
| Signed for Haulier:                   | ………………………Name: …………………

| Section 3                             |                        |
| Name of Receiver:                     | ………………………
| Approval/Registration No. of Receiver  | ………………………
| (if applicable)                        | ………………………
| Address of Receiver:                  | ………………………
|                                        | ………………………Post Code…………
| I confirm that the material identified |                        |
| in section 1 above was received at the |                        |
| named Consignee premises from the      |                        |
| named haulier.                        |                        |
| Signed for Consignee:                 | ………………………Name: …………………

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