



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS Note/2019/09

Date: 16 August 2019

BIP UPDATE TRAINING DAY: 27 NOVEMBER 2019: NOBEL HOUSE

Purpose

1. To advise BIPs of a training day for portal staff to be held at the offices of Defra at Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.

Background

2. There are usually two BIP Update training days per calendar year for all Official Veterinary Surgeons and Official Fish Inspectors responsible for carrying out Veterinary Checks at BIPs. No training was carried out in 2018 due to other priorities/resource issues.

3. The training day will start at **10:00** and will finish no later than **16:15**. The agenda items is expected to focus of the new Official Controls Regulation and will include updates from Defra, APHA the FSA and related workshops. If there are any particular topics you would like us to cover, please send your suggestions to the mailbox provided below by 13 September and we will try to accommodate if we can.

4. At the end of the day, you will be provided with a certificate of attendance and a copy of the certificate should be held at the BIP as part of your training records.

Action for Portal Staff

5. Please check your training records and nominate attendees for the training day on the Nomination form attached to this Note. Completed nomination forms should be sent to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle via the mailbox below by 8 November 2019. All nominees should assume that they will be able to attend the training day and can therefore make the necessary travel arrangements once the nomination forms have been submitted.

6. You should note that all attendees will be required to complete and submit a worksheet prior to the training day. The worksheets will be sent out about two weeks before the training day and will have to be returned before the training day. A completed worksheet will be required before a certificate of attendance will be issued.

7. Contact point for enquiries: Nathan Kerslake or Jose Rodriguez at imports@apha.gov.uk

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