

IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS Note/2020/24

30th October 2020

BCP UPDATE TRAINING DAY: TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER AND THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2020

Purpose

1. To advise BCPs of two half day update training sessions for portal staff to be held remotely via web conference.

Background

2. There are usually two BCP Update training days per calendar year for all Official Veterinary Surgeons (OVS) and Official Fish Inspectors (OFI) responsible for carrying out Veterinary Checks at BCPs. One training was carried out in 2019 and none so far in 2020, this is due to COVID-19 and other priorities/resource issues.
3. Defra, FSA and APHA have planned two half day training sessions on 1st and 3rd December 2020. They will start at **09:30** and will finish at **13:30**. The agenda items are expected to focus on EU exit, non-harmonised commodities, fishery products, animal by-products and composite products and will include updates from Defra, APHA the FSA and related workshops.
4. It is recommended OVS and OFI Participants to attend both sessions. OFIs may wish to attend only the Tuesday 1st December training session, as it will include a fishery products presentation.
5. After the sessions, you will be provided with a certificate of attendance and a copy of the certificate should be held at the BCP as part of your training records. The training material will be shared with attendees after the sessions.

Action for Portal Staff

6. Please check your training records and nominate attendees for both or one (where applicable) training days 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 18 November 2020**. All nominees should assume that they will be able to attend the training days and can therefore make the necessary work arrangements once the nomination forms have been submitted.



7. You should note that all attendees will be required to complete a pre-training quiz prior to the training days. The quiz will be sent out about two weeks before the training days.
8. Further information regarding the web conference link, agenda and resources will be provided a few days prior to the training sessions. Material or notes used in the workshop will be sent out to participants after the sessions.
9. Contact point for enquiries: Nathan Kerlake or Jose Rodriguez at imports@apha.gov.uk

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