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Ref: EIR / 6598

25th August 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Illegal Meat Imports and Animal Disease Risks

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

Please provide the following information for the period from 1 January 2024 to the date of this request:

1. **Illegal imports**

   The total number of seizures, interceptions or enforcement actions involving:

   - **Illegal meat imports;**
   - **Unauthorised products of animal origin; and**
   - **Bushmeat.**

   Please provide annual figures were available.

   Nil.

2. **Quantity seized**

   The total quantity of material seized or intercepted during this period, broken down by year where possible.

   Not applicable.

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3. **Largest seizures**

   Details of the five largest seizures or interceptions made by your authority since 1 January 2023, including:

   - **Date;**
   - **Product type;**
   - **Quantity involved;**
   - **Country of origin (where known); and**
   - **Outcome of the case.**

   Not applicable.

4. **Disease risks**

   Please confirm whether any seizures or interceptions during this period were considered to pose a risk relating to:

   - **African Swine Fever (ASF);**
   - **Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD);**
   - **Bluetongue Virus (BTV); or**
   - **Avian Influenza.**

   Where applicable, please provide brief details of the incident.

   Not applicable.

5. **Reports and briefings**

   Please provide copies of any reports, briefing notes or summaries produced since 1 January 2025 relating to:

   - **Illegal meat imports;**
   - **Biosecurity risks from imported food products; or**
   - **ASF, FMD, BTV or Avian Influenza risks associated with imported products.**

Not applicable.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Community Health & Wellbeing