



Minutes

Sub Steering Group on Meat Charging

Tuesday 24 June 2014

14:00-17.00

Room 214, 2nd Floor

Aviation House, 125 Kingsway, LONDON WC2B 6NH

Attendees:

Bill Stow	BS	(Chair)
Mike Bailey	MB	(NFU Poultry Board)
Richard Stevenson	RS	(NFMFT)
Stephen Rossides	SR	(BMPA)
Peter Hewson	PH	(AIMS)
Richard Griffiths	RG	(BPC)
Richard Collier	RC	(FSA Observer)
Shyam Desai	SD	(FSA Observer)
Stephen Crookes	SC	(Secretariat)

Agenda items:

- Introduction and signing of confidentiality agreement for data analysis
- Industry to review analysis
- Overview presentation of analysis (Richard Collier)
- Detailed presentation of analysis (Shyam Desai)
- Group discussion
- Moving Forward

1 Introduction:

1.1 The Chair opened the meeting giving an overview how he would like the meeting to proceed following the signing of the confidentiality agreement by all members present.

1.2 Confidentiality agreement signed by all members prior to distribution of data analysis.

2 Review of Analysis:

2.1 Time was allowed for industry representatives to go through the detailed data analysis of the 16 FBO establishments.

2.2 MB queried why 6 of the NFU members were not included in the analysis. RC confirmed that the FSA had not received any consent from the FBOs for their data to be used in the analysis. **Action – MB to investigate why consent wasn't forwarded through to FSA.**

2.3 PH raised query regarding 'G' codes in cattle and sheep plants and asked if these were being included as part of the data analysis, if so, could this be a reason why there is such a difference between red meat establishments and white meat establishments. **Action - SD to look into this.**

3 Presentations:

3.1 SD & RC gave a more detailed overview of the data analysis highlighting the section of 'notes on operation Apr 2012 – Mar 2013' which gave some indication as to why there is a possible increase / decrease in costs with the proposed option.

3.2 RC also pointed out that the analysis showed that some establishments were paying as little as £0.07 per hour for an OV in the current system.

4 Discussion:

4.1 Following group discussion regarding the data analysis and the issue with the high losses to poultry establishments compared to red meat establishments; RG & PH raised the point that by incentivising PIA systems this could potentially resolve the issue. RC reiterated that the discount system introduced in 2009 was more favourable to the poultry sector than the red meat sector which in turn would mean that a more equitable system would impact on the poultry sector more.

4.2 Group discussion regarding the way in which PIA systems could be incentivised concluded in further analysis of the PIA option discussed at the PIA meeting (30th April). **Action – RC to look into this.**

5 Moving Forward:

5.1 The Chair concluded the following actions to take place for the next Steering Group meeting (8th July):

- RC to look into incentivising PIA options
- MB to investigate reason for consent from members of NFU not being forwarded to FSA for inclusion into data analysis

- SD to look into the use of 'G' codes in the data analysis to see if this affected the issues between red and white meat establishments.

5.2 The Chair confirmed that a paper will be going to the September Board meeting which is taking place in Belfast on the 10th September. The Chair also said he would like the paper to be jointly agreed with the Steering Group members towards the end of July.

5.3 The Chair also recommended that any changes would be implemented from April 2016.

AOB:

RG raised a query regarding the difference in figures / system between FSA and FSAS for the same plant, he queried whether this constituted a control body and if each FBO could choose which option to use.

Meeting closed