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Dear Ms Doherty

Zootechnical Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2019

I am writing in response to the Committee’s request, dated 26 February 2019, seeking clarification on the definition of “other public holiday” in relation to regulation 5(4)(c) of the Zootechnical Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2019.

Scottish Bank holidays are set by Scottish Ministers and are the same across the whole of Scotland. Public or local holidays, on the other hand, are determined by local authorities and can differ between areas. In recognition of such regional variations across Scotland it is reasonable and proportionate for the Scottish Government to discount those days where operators from such areas are required to comply with regulation 5(4)(c) of the Zootechnical Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2019.

I hope this provides clarification for the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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