

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**This document relates to partnership working in relation to Animal Health and Animal Feed Regulations at Ports within Heysham Port Health Authority District.**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is between Lancashire County Council, Trading Standards, (LCC) and The Heysham Port Health Authority (HPHA)

### 1. Purpose.

The principal aim of this MoU is to provide an administrative framework for meeting the above objectives and the enforcement of standards of food / feed hygiene by Trading Standards and the HPHA, as well as for the provision of advice by them with regard to such standards. Other areas of common interest, to which this MoU applies. This MoU summarises the partnership working responsibilities of Trading Standards and HPHA in relation to the ports.

### 2. Reference.

- Animal by Products (Enforcement)(England) Regulations 2013
- The Rabies Control Order 1974
- Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011
- Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2009
- The Heysham Port Health Authority Order 2011

### 3. Objectives of the MoU

The agreements reached between the parties are intended to:

- Promote awareness and cohesion between parties involved.
- Ensure that procedures are in place and implemented for the public health and safety of seafarers and passengers, prevent pollution from ships, implement controls on imported animals and products.
- Ensure the most effective use of resources and expertise, to provide a joined-up approach.
- Promote awareness of food/feed safety, food/feed hygiene and public and animal health standards
- Allow for the appropriate enforcement of all relevant legislation to ensure that effective systems of food/feed hygiene and health are maintained aboard ships.

### 4. Role of Trading Standards

- Carry out intelligence led checks when resources permit at ports relating to the importation of animal feed
- Carry out intelligence led checks when resources permit at ports on imported animals
- Respond to reports of illegally imported animals as appropriate
- Respond to reports of imported feed from third countries as appropriate

- Carry out intelligence led checks when resources permit on imported animal by products
- Respond to reports of problem consignments of animal by products as appropriate
- Report any issues relating to public health to HPHA

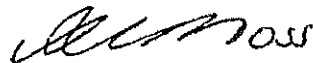
**Role of HPHA**

- To report any issues or concerns raised in relation to animal feeds and foods whilst undertaking inspections aboard vessels or port facilities detailed within the Heysham Port Order 2011.
- Undertake routine quarterly inspections of port facilities and ad hoc visits whilst at the port.
- To represent LCC interests at bi-annual port management meetings.
- To liaise locally and be the first point of contact with complainants over animal by product issues.

5. The MOU will be reviewed every two years on the 1<sup>st</sup> January.

6. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding contract.

7. Effective date.



Signed on behalf of Lancashire County  
Council

5th Dec 2019  
(Date)



Signed on behalf of Heysham Port Health  
Authority

5/12/2019  
(Date)