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15 July 2005

Dear Dr Al Dubayan and Dr Teinaz,

Issue of 'hot meat'

Thank you for your letter and email of 16 June 2005 addressed to David Statham, Director of the FSA Enforcement Group, regarding unchilled or 'hot meat'. I have been asked to reply, and write further to my recent telephone conversation with Dr Teinaz.

You will wish to note that I have now written to Jane Downes, the Veterinary and Technical Director at the Meat Hygiene Service (MHS) concerning the points raised in your letter. I have requested that your advice that hot meat is not an Islamic requirement be disseminated to all licensed slaughterhouses. Please find attached a copy of my letter to Jane Downes for your information.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaheen Zar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shaheen Zar
Meat Fraud and Diversity Branch
Enforcement Division