

**FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY CHERNOBYL RESTRICTIONS SURVEYS 2005**

**Issue**

1. To notify you of the forthcoming publication of surveys undertaken by the Food Standards Agency on UK farms with restrictions on the sale and movement of sheep, following contamination by the Chernobyl nuclear accident of 1986.
2. To alert you to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chernobyl accident on 26 April 2006.

**Background**

3. Restrictions on the sale and movement of sheep following the Chernobyl accident remain in certain limited areas of Wales, Scotland and Cumbria. Surveys have been conducted to identify if restrictions could be lifted from any farms within the affected areas. The surveys showed that no farms in Cumbria or Wales can be derestricted this year, however one farm in Scotland has been removed from restrictions.
4. The derestriction surveys will be published on the FSA website before Easter, with exact timing determined by the need to translate some documents into Welsh.
5. The twentieth anniversary of the Chernobyl accident is creating additional media interest. To date this has focussed on both the overall health impact of the accident and the impact on the UK food chain.

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