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Our ref: 6371352

Thank you for your request received on 15 June 2020, for the following information:

**The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (FOIA) REQUEST**

**Bushmeat here is defined as the meat of any wild animal hunted for food.**

**Under the freedom of information/environmental act, I would be grateful if you could provide answers to the following questions as electronic copies within the statutory 20 days period:**

**1) According to your records, how many times has illegal meat been found during inspections in meat selling premises (for example market and shops) for the following periods?**

**01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016  
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017  
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018  
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**

**2) How many times has illegally imported meat been sent to be identified at a laboratory for the following periods?**

**01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016  
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017  
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018  
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**

**3) How many times has illegally imported meat been identified as bushmeat for the following periods?**

**01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016  
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017  
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018  
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**

**4) How many prosecutions were brought to person/s found with illegally imported meat, under the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) regulations for the following periods?**

**01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016**

01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017  
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018  
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

**5) What other penalties aside from prosecution were issued to vendors found with illegally imported meat? (e.g. Meat destroyed, warning, fines, license being revoked)**

**6) How many penalties (any of above) have been handed to the vendors found with illegally imported meat for the following periods?**

01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016  
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017  
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018  
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

**7) Considering the following time period, 01/01/2016 ' 31/12/2019, are the inspections of the meat selling premises conducted by a regular schedule, based on intelligence or both?**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

***1) According to your records, how many times has illegal meat been found during inspections in meat selling premises (for example market and shops) for the following periods?***

01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016  
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017  
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018

0

01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

1 (meat products)

***2) How many times has illegally imported meat been sent to be identified at a laboratory for the following periods?***

01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016  
01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017  
01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018  
01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019

0

***3) How many times has illegally imported meat been identified as bushmeat for the following periods?***

**01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016**  
**01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017**  
**01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018**  
**01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**

0

**4) How many prosecutions were brought to person/s found with illegally imported meat, under the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) regulations for the following periods?**

**01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016**  
**01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017**  
**01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018**  
**01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**

0

**5) What other penalties aside from prosecution were issued to vendors found with illegally imported meat? (e.g. Meat destroyed, warning, fines, license being revoked)**

Products seized for disposal

**6) How many penalties (any of above) have been handed to the vendors found with illegally imported meat for the following periods?**

**01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016**  
**01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017**  
**01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018**

0

**01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**

1

**7) Considering the following time period, 01/01/2016 ' 31/12/2019, are the inspections of the meat selling premises conducted by a regular schedule, based on intelligence or both?**

Both

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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