

PRINCIPLES OF OFFICIAL CONTROL DELIVERY

On 15 June 2016 the FSS Board agreed a set of principles that should underpin the future delivery of official food and feed controls in Scotland, as a basis for further stakeholder engagement.

These principles are:

- 1. Official controls must verify that food business operators are meeting their responsibilities to ensure that food is safe.*
- 2. Responsible, compliant businesses may be recognised through alternative regulatory mechanisms of assurance approved and verified by FSS.*
- 3. Official controls should ensure that non-compliant businesses become compliant, and be effective in preventing persistently non-compliant businesses from operating.*
- 4. Where possible there should be consistency of approach regardless of the official controls being delivered.*
- 5. All businesses should contribute to the costs of official controls, which should be no more than they need to be. Non-compliance should cost more than compliance, and should not be supported by public subsidy.*
- 6. The outcome of official controls should be transparent, and consumers should be given the relevant information to make informed decisions.*