

<b>Summary</b>	
Meeting	Standards Committee
Date	6 February 2023
Title	Standards Committee Minutes
Summary	Minutes of Standards Committee held in-person on Monday, 6 February 2023, at 10am
Attachments	Classified appendix
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<b>Classifications</b>		
<b>Document</b>	<b>Classification<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Rationales<sup>2</sup></b>
Paper	Unclassified	n/a
Classified appendix	<b>Confidential</b>	1, 2 and 3

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**2 Classification rationales**

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Minutes of the Standards Committee held remotely on Monday, 6 February 2023, at 10 am

Members: Linda Belton (Chair)  
Louise Allum  
Belinda Andrews-Jones  
Mark Castle  
Danny Chambers  
Olivia Cook  
Matshidiso Gardiner  
Claire-Louise McLaughlan  
Claire Roberts  
Will Wilkinson

In attendance:

RCVS

Melissa Donald	President
Eleanor Ferguson	Registrar
Lizzie Lockett	CEO
Gemma Kingswell	Head of Legal Services (Standards)
Beth Jinks	Standards and Advisory Lead
Ky Richardson	Senior Standards and Advice Officer/Solicitor
Victoria Price	Senior Standards and Advice Officer

DEFRA

Gordon Hickman  
Caroline Conradi  
Anthony Ridge  
Keira Benefer

British Poultry Veterinary Association (BPVA)

Richard Jackson

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

Elena Gafenco

## AI 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1. Apologies were received from Will Wilkinson and Claire McLaughlan.

## Matters for decision

### AI 2(a) Food Standards Scotland – TRNOVs – Confidential

2. See paragraphs 1-6 of the classified appendix.

### AI 2(b) Avian Influenza – Remote certification – Confidential

3. See paragraphs 7-19 of the classified appendix.

### AI 2(c) Welsh language translations – Confidential

4. See paragraphs 15-20 of the classified appendix.

### AI 2(d) UCOOH next steps – Confidential

5. See paragraphs 21-32 of the classified appendix.

## Matters for report

### AI 3(a) DC report

6. The report was noted.

### AI 3(b) RESC report

7. The report was noted.

## Confidential matters for report

### AI 4(a) RVP Subcommittee report – Confidential

8. The report was noted

### AI 4(b) ERP report – Confidential

9. The report was noted.

#### AI 4(c) Certification subcommittee report – Confidential

10. The report was noted.

#### AI 5 Risk and equality

11. Nothing added.

#### AI 6 Any other business and date of next meeting

12. The Committee were informed that minor amendments to both the conscious objection guidance in Chapter 2, and the endorsements guidance in Chapter 23 would be sent via email for the Committee's thoughts.

13. The Committee were reminded to submit their comments regarding the financial document from the FSA.

#### Table of actions – Confidential

14. Please see confidential appendix.