

Feeding catering waste to farmed animals is **ILLEGAL**



Catering waste **MUST NOT** be fed to farmed animals

It has been illegal to feed catering waste to farmed animals in the UK since 2001, and this ban was adopted by the whole European Community in 2003. **If you are convicted of feeding catering waste to farmed animals you can be fined or sentenced to a maximum of two years in prison.**

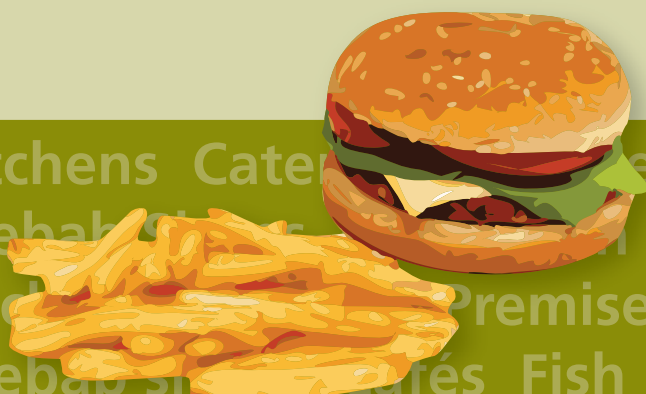
The law is there to help prevent outbreaks of foot and mouth disease and other animal diseases such as swine fever - catering waste can be a major source of these diseases.

You cannot feed any kind of catering waste to farmed animals. Catering waste is defined as all waste food, whether raw or cooked, including **used cooking oils (UCO)**, which arise in premises such as:

- Household kitchens
- Restaurants
- Fish and Chips/Pizza/Kebab shops
- Takeaway shops
- Canteens
- Cafes; or
- Vegetarian kitchens/restaurants

It also includes food waste from other premises (food factories, distribution warehouses etc.) that contains or has been in contact with animal by-products (such as raw eggs, meat, fish products) and this must not be fed to farmed animals.

'Farmed animals' includes any pet animals that belong to a farmed species, such as pet pigs, goats and poultry.



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Help us prevent damaging disease outbreaks

We understand that feeding catering waste to farmed animals may seem a cheap and effective way to dispose of it. It is vital, however, that we take every possible step to prevent outbreaks of disease amongst farmed animals – for the public, for the farmed animals owners and for the catering industry. By disposing of catering waste legally and safely, you help us to protect farmed animals.

For further information about the disposal of catering waste and how it affects you, please contact the following sources:

- <http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/by-prods/cater/swill.htm>
- The Defra helpline - tel 08459 33 55 77 or email us at helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
- Your Local Authority or LACORS www.lacors.gov.uk
- Your Local Animal Health Office of the State Veterinary Service
- Product Authentication International (PAI) for the collection and use of Used Cooking Oils
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