Sent: 27 November 2024 14:34

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot> **Subject:** 03691 - Bovaer additive to food chain

I understand that through Arla, an arrangement has been made between farmers and Tesco, Morrisons and Aldi to trial Bovaer, a Gates-backed methane reducing feed additive which will be given to dairy cows in the UK food chains, despite concerns over genotoxicity and carcinogenicity.

If this latest revelation has even the slightest ring of verisimilitude, it a dangerous and ill-conceived tinkering with the food chain with no pubic mandate to do so.

Our health and safety may be seriously compromised by insidious experimentation in a futile attempt to reduce global emissions.

I should be grateful if you could advise me and indeed the country if this arrangement is factual and what authority has been granted and by whom, to proceed with this trial and what detailed safety analysis has been carried out to ensure public health is not compromised.

Yours faithfully,

From: 38(1)(b)@fss.scot

Sent: 17 December 2024 12:27

To: 38(1)(b)

CC: FSS Feed Hygiene and Safety <FeedHygiene@fss.scot>; FSS Enquiries

Mailbox <Enquiries@fss.scot>

Subject: 03691 - Bovaer additive to food chain

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Kind Regards,

38(1)(b) 38(1)(b) Food Standards Scotland Pilgrim House Old Ford Road Aberdeen AB115RL

Sent: 04 December 2024 13:05

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot> Subject: 03700 - Can I ask serious questions.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Why are we letting all these chemical produced foods/feeds to be made, sold etc in Scotland to our children, humans in general.

Why isn't Scotland stopping what WEF, WHO, Bill Gates etc doing to our food chain from growing GMO & making Lab grown meat to forever chemicals we can't wash off our fruit & our body finds it impossible to clean most of it out taking years depending on how bad etc to now doing bovaer feed, lab grown meets that's had proof it's not good for human consumption & has had no trials just like the covid jags it's all getting rushed out. Why aren't these farmers saying NO as the money they get means more will not help there children's of the futures health that no money can fix unless your a billionaire. They say global warming all the time well stop all the rich people's planes make everyone share planes this would clean the air up so much & if they would stop spraying more in sky's trying to cool global warming!!

They would realise everything would flourish again, bees, insects, plants, better souls less metals. This is not conspiracy even NOAA scientific plane took samples from above below & inbeween found barium, aluminium etc, aswell as unpaid scientists testing soil, rain water etc from all over Scotland.

Or is it our fss, fda etc are all getting paid off to let these things happen. Money won't protect our children's future or health as your allowing all this is to happen.

Can you please explain what your doing & going to do to stop this as its not good plenty of proof of how it's not good for humans.

But loads of how it's harmful and no benefits in any of it proof from any of it and now Arla (Bill Gates & the rest) have been paying farmers to give a feeding call bovaer chemical in there food to stop methane, yet bovaer causes cancer & not good for human consumption yet no proof in any good in which it does for humans only stops cows farts!?

If someone could write back & explain to me I would really appreciate it as I care for everyone especially our children & the futures generations health to.

Thank you 38(1)(b) 38(1)(b)

<FeedHygiene@fss.scot>

Sent: 17 December 2024 12:07

To: 38(1)(b)

CC: FSS Feed Hygiene and Safety <FeedHygiene@fss.scot>; FSS Enquiries

Mailbox <Enquiries@fss.scot>

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Sent: 04 December 2024 23:04

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox enquiries@fss.scot **Subject**: 03703 - Bovaer's Addition In Dairy

Hello,

My name is 38(1)(b) and I am a Member of the 38(1)(b).

As you may be aware, Bovaer has recently been announced as an upcoming additive in cow feed for many dairy products. The number of foods this will affect is plentiful, impacting various milks, yogurts, cheeses and others that exist under the Arla umbrella, which involves a vast range of other companies and partners.

This additive raises serious concern over it's effects on human health. It's main chemical ingredient, 3-NOP, has proven to cause serious health conditions, such as cancer and infertility. These claims have been proven by a Federal Drug Administration (FDA) official in the US, who admitted that this chemical is not for human use. Along with this, there have been several studies conducted and analysis carried out, like the Food Standards Agency's, which discovered that female rats that were once investigated were at a higher risk of developing cancer. Other studies have also shown that even inhaling 3-NOP can be harmful.

How this will affect the young people of Scotland is a grave matter. Therefore, that is why I am kindly urging you, Food Standards Scotland, to investigate this matter. I urge you to please consider the addition of Bovaer in dairy by truly investigating it's effects.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

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<FeedHygiene@fss.scot>

Sent: 17 December 2024 12:12

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38(1)(b) 38(1)(b) Food Standards Scotland Pilgrim House Old Ford Road Aberdeen AB115RL

Sent: 30 November 2024 10:04

To: 'Enquiries@fss.scot'

Cc: 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b);

Subject: Bovaer - 3-nitrooxypropanol

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'd be grateful for your help.

As per Alra's recent <u>press release</u>, they intend to introduce a new synthetic additive to dairy cows diet, 3-nitrooxypropanol.

Reading the European Food Safety Authorities panel of experts <u>report</u>, it understand that they "concluded that the use of Bovaer[®] 10 in animal nutrition under the conditions of use proposed was of no concern for consumer safety and for the environment".

Whilst in some ways this is reassuring I remain concerned:

- The report clearly highlights uncertainties:
 - "genotoxicity has not been fully clarified"
 - o "a margin of safety could not be established"
 - o "the active substance 3-NOP may be harmful if inhaled"
 - "the genotoxicity of 3-NOP is not completely elucidated"
 - "This conclusion was extrapolated to all other ruminants for milk production and reproduction"

Yet despite these uncertainties rather than default to the well-established precautionary principle enshrined in Article 191 of the <u>Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)</u>, which specifically relates to protecting human health and the environment, approval seems to have been given to the use of this chemical.

The reason for its use does not relate to animal welfare. It does not relate to
disease or systemic health issues. In fact based on the uncertainties
expressed above and the short term nature of available data it is quite
possible that it could have negative health effects and actually be detrimental
to animal welfare, reason again to wonder why the precautionary principle
has not been applied.

Given that the EFSA's experts have decided to grant its use and Arla have confirmed its use in the dairy herds supplying many of our major retailers, can you confirm if there is a statutory requirement for retailers selling dairy products made from cows who were given this synthetic supplement to make it clear on the packaging and labelling? If not why not?

This is clearly an issue which consumers and animal rights activists are concerned about and as such there should be full transparency.

In addition at a time when we want to make our food as wholesome as possible and free from additives, other than those expressly related to animal welfare, this feels

like an extremely regressive approach in a sector which is critical to our farming community. I am concerned that this may result in reputational and economic damage however appreciate this concern is more for the politicians rather than FSS.

Many thanks in advance for your help.

Kind regards

Sent: 11 December 2024 08:13

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot>

Cc: 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b);

Subject: 03712 - RE: Bovaer - 3-nitrooxypropanol

Dear Sir/Madam,

I appreciate you are extremely busy however I was wondering if you had any response to my query regarding standardised labelling of dairy products made from cows fed Bovaer?

Kind regards

Sent: 09 January 2025 12:47

To: 38(1)(b)

Cc: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <Enquiries@fss.scot>; 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b);

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Subject: FW: 03712 - RE: Bovaer - 3-nitrooxypropanol

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Sent: 14 December 2024 11:52

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot>

Subject: 03717 - Bovear

Dear sir/madam,

I have read about the additive Bovear that is being fed to cows in trials to reduce methane. While I appreciate why they are doing this, I also have concerns about the potential long term effects on consumers. All the major supermarkets are using this on their farms and I understand that FSA have signed off on this. Was there any consultation with consumers?

There are a lot of mixed messages in the media around Bovear and possible side effects. The US authorities, who do not have the same rigour as UK agencies on drugs and food safety, are saying it is toxic and could cause infertility and cancer. The fact this has been imposed on us by introducing it into our food chain is really quite frightening.

Can you please explain to me how and why the UK Food Standards has arrived at the decision to sign off this trial as safe? What assurances can you give the public that it is safe?

Kind regards

Sent: 13 January 2025 09:19

To: 38(1)(b)

Cc: FSS Enquiries Mailbox < Enquiries@fss.scot>

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Sent: 16 December 2024 16:08

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot>

Subject: 03721 – Bovear

Hello, I'm concerned about bovear being added to the cattle feed . Like a lot of shoppers I'm wanting to not buy any products with cattle being fed this . There should be at least a label to say Bovear free . Or fed Bovear. We have a right to know what we are buying and I dearly hope Arla loose a lot of money and customers find other company's/farmers products to buy . Please at least get products labelled if this madness continues the poor cattle will suffer as we will. 38(1)(b)

Sent: 13 January 2025 10:13

To: 38(1)(b)

Cc: FSS Enquiries Mailbox < Enquiries@fss.scot>; FSS Feed Hygiene and Safety

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Sent: 30 December 2024 16:15

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot>

Subject: 03735 - Lurpark /boater scandal

Hi can you please advise I am concerned about the social media scandal regarding how save uk butter cheese yogurt and milk is due to feed supplement boaver being added and in particular as a consumer Of Lurpark their packaging stating that it's not for EU which I understand does not allow this feed additive to enter their food chain please advise if Lurpark and dairy products are safe to consume

Regards

Sent: 13 January 2025 13:08

To: 38(1)(b)

Cc: FSS Enquiries Mailbox < Enquiries@fss.scot>; FSS Feed Hygiene and Safety

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Sent: 04 January 2025 08:47 **To**: 38(1)(b) <38(1)(b)@gov.scot>

Subject: Use of chemicals in animal feed to reduce methane emissions

Dear First Minister

I am extremely concerned about the use of chemicals in animal feed to reduce methane emissions.

Currently Arla are trialling Bovaer in their animal feed. I am worried about the effects of these chemicals on livestock and consumers. I believe that (a) there is no requirement for any chemical additives to the food supply; and (b) there is no clear indication on products that they are part of the trialling process thus consumers are denied the right to choose to be part of the trials.

I understand that there is a safety issue in that there has been minimal testing of Bovaer and therefore there is no evidence that it is harmless to livestock and humans. Farmers using the additive are advised to wear gloves and safety glasses when handling Bovaer due to dangerous effects on skin and eyesight.

I well remember the Mad Cow Disease (BSE) scandal when the public were told that meat products from cows were safe. They were not. People lost their lives and hundreds of thousands of cattle were euthanised. Please don't allow this to happen again.

I wish to see the practice of feeding all livestock with chemicals to stop. There is a clear danger to livestock and the public.

At the very least, if livestock and consumers are being used in trials there should be the right to choose to take part or not. All products used in the trials should be clearly labelled as such.

I would ask you to protect the interests of Scottish citizens and ban the use of chemical additives to our livestock.

Apparently, the efficacy of these chemical additives is minimal but the effects on the population could be disastrous.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.

Yours sincerely

38(1)(b)

Sent from my iPhone

From: FeedHygiene@fss.scot Sent: 23 January 2025 13:23

To: 38(1)(b)

Subject: RE Use of chemicals in animal feed to reduce methane emissions

Good Afternoon 38(1)(b)

Thank you for contacting the First Minister, concerning the feed additive Bovaer/3-NOP Food Standards Scotland (FSS) is replying on behalf of the Minister.

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Sent: 07 February 2025 13:53

To: FSS Feed Hygiene and Safety <FeedHygiene@fss.scot>

Cc: 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b)@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Subject: Re: Use of chemicals in animal feed to reduce methane emissions

Dear Sirs

Many thanks for your reply.

Having read the information you provided, I am even more concerned and worried about the long term harm these chemicals will cause to consumers and livestock.

I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms about their use under the guise of contributing to reduce carbon emissions (which is negligible) and I would ask that my Government stand up to Westminster and the WEF to refuse to inflict these poisonous chemicals on citizens and livestock.

I understand that in addition to the chemicals added to our food, insects are also being introduced.

I most certainly do not wish to be part of a trial of this kind. All produce must be clearly marked if they contain NOP-3 or insects.

I understand that insects are incorporated in the flour used for baking bread, pastries and pasta. As with NOP-3, there is no requirement to have this information in the list of ingredients. This is unacceptable.

The public have a right to make a choice on whether or not to participate in these trials or purchase goods containing these dangerous and unnecessary ingredients.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the First Minister.

Yours faithfully 38(1)(b)

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: 17 February 2025 21:42

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot>

Cc: 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b); 38(1)(b)

Subject: 03837 - Dairy product labelling to inform if it came or did not come from

cows fed with bovaer or similar additive.

Can you please tell me how to identify dairy produce that has come from bovaer or similar additive fed cows. Surely it is mandatory for all dairy produce to have easy to identify labelling so that consumers can choose if they want to buy such a product.

I would also like you to provide me with long term safety data that proves bovaer is safe for cows and humans. The bovaer information is questionable at best, short term only and has unconvincing lapses in its reported potential for transferring into humans through dairy products, causing cancer and infertility in males.

I assume it is your agency that should be informing and protecting the general public particularly those with young vulnerable children.

Looking forward to hearing from you with the above requested information.

Sent: 13 March 2025 16:58

To: 38(1)(b)

Cc: FSS Enquiries Mailbox < Enquiries@fss.scot>; FSS Feed Hygiene and Safety

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https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/RP1059_3NOP_SafetyAssessment Final%20SM.pdf

this informed a public consultation in 2023 as part of the market authorisation process which can be found at Consultation on applications for authorisation of second tranche of feed additives - Food Standards Scotland - Citizen Space

Feed legislation, Regulation 1831/2003, on the rules for the authorisation and use of feed additives provides the basis for the assurance of a high level of protection for human health, animal health and welfare, environment, users' and consumers' interests in relation to feed additives. General food and feed law also ensures that all food and feed placed on the market is safe.

The FSA have published a blog which answers some of the questions being asked about this additive: Bovaer cow feed additive explained – Food Standards Agency Bovaer cow feed additive explained – Food Standards Agency

Kind Regards,

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Sent: 03 April 2025 16:52

To: FSS Enquiries Mailbox <enquiries@fss.scot> **Subject:** 03942 - CHICKEN FROM S.E. ASIA

Good afternoon

I wish to access the following information from the FSA.

Can the FSA confirm or otherwise that chicken from Vietnam/SE Asia is imported into the UK?

If so which organisation based in which country oversees the Hygiene/Welfare Standards under which these birds are raised?

I also understand a South American country possibly Argentina has signed a trade deal with the EU to import thousands of tons of beef into the EU. Will this meat end up in the UK also?

I would also like to make it known I have boycotted ARLA dairy products because of the addition of Boevar. This product contains 3NOP, as a former industrial chemist I am well aware of the chemical properties of this material. In short its MUCK and should NEVER have been given to dairy cattle. I found FSA 'reassurances' totally inadequate. What a damn disgrace.

Yours etc.

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From: 38(1)(b) On Behalf Of Import And Export Enquiries

Sent: 16 April 2025 14:28

To: 38(1)(b)

Subject: RE: 03942 - CHICKEN FROM S.E. ASIA

Hello 38(1)(b)

Thank you for your enquiry, I hope the links & information below are helpful.

Animal products including chicken from Vietnam/SE Asia and elsewhere can be imported to UK but they must go through a UK Border Control Post & adhere to strict rules. Trade & welfare/health rules are managed by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (<u>Defra</u>) and the Animal & Plant Health Agency (<u>APHA</u>) respectively.

Concerning 3-NOP, this was risk assessed in 2023 and found not to be a concern in milk or meat - <u>Safety Assessment: Outcome of assessment of 3-Nitrooxypropanol "3-NOP" as a feed additive for all ruminants for milk production and reproduction, from DSM Nutritional Products</u>

Regards,

UK and International Relations Team

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