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Dear Sir/Madam

DESIGNATED AREA ORDER 2006, AND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 2A OF THE DISEASES OF FISH ACT 1937 - Viral haemorrhagic Septicaemia in the River Ouse Catchment

I am writing to inform you that the Department has made the Diseases of Fish (Designated Areas) (England) Order (No. 2) 2006, under section 2 of the Diseases of Fish Act 1937, following confirmation of Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia at a trout farm in the catchment of the River Ouse. The Order restricts the movement of live fish and live eggs into or out of the River Ouse and River Don catchment areas, and to or from all fish farms named on the Order.

Under this Order, we are also serving a section 2A (of the Diseases of Fish Act 1937) Notice on all fish farms within the Designated area. This Notice applies to the following fish farm: [INSERT FARM ADDRESS HERE]. This prohibits the removal and disposal of dead fish from your premises unless such movements have been approved, in writing, by the Fish Health Inspectorate. Applications should be made to fish.health.inspectorate@cefas.co.uk or by post or FAX to Fish Health Inspectorate, Cefas Weymouth, Barrack Rd, Weymouth, DT4 6UB. FAX 01305 206602

Permission is hereby given to the movement of dead eviscerated or further processed fish from your farm premises to sites outside the Designated area. Movements of whole dead or processed dead fish are permitted within the Designated area. Disposal of mortalities, fish viscera and associated waste must be carried out in accordance with the Animal By-Products Order 1999.

As this is a disease control measure we wish to be informed of any accidental movements of fish from your site. If you have any reason to suspect that live fish could have escaped from the site, for example after a flood, could you please notify me immediately.

Cefas is carrying out an epidemiological investigation of the outbreak. Fish Health inspectors will visit, or will have already visited, your farm in order to take samples. Once



the extent and source of the infection is known, it might be possible to allow certain types of live fish movements, under the supervision of the Fish Health Inspectorate.

I enclose a copy of the Order for your information.

Yours sincerely

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