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RSPCA,
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FTAO Chris Sherwood CEO of RSPCA

Dear Mr Sherwood,

Thank you for your email of 25th of May in response to my communications of 25th of March and 13th of May. You have failed to answer some of the very important questions I put to you in my previous emails.

Once again I ask:

How many seals were shot at RSPCA Assured salmon farms in Scotland in 2020?

Why have you not insisted that RSPCA Assured salmon farms comply with the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 by installing barrier nets to keep seals at a distance from the salmon cages?

What have you done to address the cruelty at time of salmon slaughter as shown in video evidence obtained by Animal Equality UK?

You said that your standards do not allow RSPCA Assured salmon farmers to shoot seals. Please tell me where I am misreading the information on page 14 of your current standards where it clearly states that RSPCA Assured salmon farmers can still shoot seals "... **as a last resort only** ..." and "... **in exceptional circumstances**".

I would also like to ask you a new question. How many on-site inspections have the RSPCA carried out on RSPCA Assured salmon farms in Scotland in the last five years, how many of those inspections were unannounced and what qualifications in fish health and welfare do your inspectors hold?

Yours sincerely,

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