THE OLDER CATTLE DISPOSAL SCHEME (OCDS) ENDS ON 31 DECEMBER 2008

New arrangements now apply for the booking of slaughter slots under the OCDS. At the time of booking a slaughter slot you must:

• provide the ear tag number of the animal
• quote your CPH number.

Bookings cannot be made without this information and must be made through the abattoir/market only.

If you wish to present animals for slaughter during the period 1st November to 31st December 2007 you must make the booking by 31st October 2007.

• On 1 January 2008 there will be a 10% reduction in compensation paid to 292 euros per head. On the current exchange rate this would be £195.

• OCDS ends on 31 December 2008, after this date no compensation will be paid and producers may incur costs.

For further information contact the OCDS helpline on 0118 968 7333 or visit the website www.rpa.gov.uk for updates on slaughter availability.