

Statement on Defra statistical publication standards on Gov.UK from January 2016

- Ensure that all Defra statistics published on Gov.UK from January 2016 comply with publication guidelines set out by Government Digital Service. All text publications will be in pdf/a or html and all spreadsheets will be published in CSV or Open Document Spreadsheet format (ODS). In exceptional circumstances any spreadsheets that face constraints in publishing in these formats will be published in the most accessible format that preserve the integrity of the data. This will not relate to historic documents already on Gov.UK

Statement on Defra statistical publications in provision of open and machine readable datasets from April 2016

Defra statisticians will work with the Transparency Publishing Team in Defra to develop spreadsheets that have greater re-usability and are machine readable by:

- Producing a guideline methodology for the development and provision of machine readable csv files alongside open document spreadsheets.
- Receiving feedback from TPT to data owners on post-processing issues to ensure the future provision of re-usable datasets.
- Running workshops and information exchanges and providing suitable tools to ensure that spreadsheets published are in more accessible and re-usable format by April 2016.

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