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Your re 134024 Peter Jones

Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 25 September regarding the latest complaint from Peter Jones.

While Mr Jones seems keen to point out that our article is definitively wrong, his letter appears to confirm that the position is far from clear.

For example, he states: ‘.. the end result of the litigation is not completely clear.’ He goes on to say that: ‘Defra’s guidance will, I hope, clarify things further. I *suspect* it will allow full commingling of the four materials.’

Later he concedes: ‘There is an outside chance it will say that all materials must be collected separately where practicable.’

In such circumstances, I continue to take the view that it would be very difficult to publish a clarification at this time.

We do however want to find an amicable resolution to this complaint and I would therefore suggest that we (1) mark the cutting for future reference; (2) update the online article with the comment from Brandon Lewis as published in the Mail on August 27; (3) consider the publication of a further concise letter from Peter Jones outlining his position on the matter.

Should Mr Jones wish to take up this offer, he will need to provide a concise letter for our review and also detail any official capacity he holds relating to this matter.

I do hope that this complaint can be resolved on this basis.

However, do let me know if you require any further information from me or would like to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely,


Group Managing Editor