

# Research and analysis: Ambient gamma radiation dose rates across the UK

*Updated:* Quarterly data for April to June 2018 (quarter 2 2018) published.

This data is received from fixed gamma radiation dose rate monitors and measures the ambient (or background) gamma radiation dose rate across the UK on an hourly basis. The dose rates are available for each year that RIMNET has been operational.

## **Apr-Jun 2017: High Readings Explanation**

There are 6 'high' (max) readings in the dataset, each of these has been investigated and no specific reason could be found. Whilst the readings are not worrisome, and infrequent erroneous readings are not unusual, they are at a level which required investigation when compared to normal. We look for weather or power related factors. As no fault or reason was found, there was no justification for amending these readings on the RIMNET database.

## **Jan-Mar 2017: High Readings Explanation**

There are 3 'high' (max) readings in the dataset, each of these has been investigated and no specific reason could be found. Whilst the readings are not worrisome, and infrequent erroneous readings are not unusual, they are at a level which required investigation when compared to normal. We look for weather or power related factors. As no fault or reason was found, there was no justification for amending these readings on the RIMNET database.

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## Guidance: Walking and cycling statistics information

*Updated:* Notes and definitions document updated for the year 2017.

Walking and cycling statistics guide explaining notes, definitions, sources plus support technical material.

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## **National Statistics: Energy Trends: renewables**

*Updated:* Renewables obligation: certificates and generation (ET 6.3) updated.

Previous editions of the Energy Trends publication are available on the [Energy Trends](#) page.

Press enquiries should be directed to the BEIS press office: Tel: 020 7215 1861 / 020 7215 8930. For other enquiries concerning these statistics, either email: [renewablesstatistics@beis.gov.uk](mailto:renewablesstatistics@beis.gov.uk) or contact: William Spry on: 020 7215 5394.

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## **Guidance: Finishing units for cattle: approved premises**

*Updated:* Updated document

Approved Finishing Units (AFUs) provide a route for beef producers to finish animals from both restricted and unrestricted farms.

Pre-movement testing must be carried out on cattle from restricted farms within 90 days before they are moved to the AFU.

AFUs with grazing must be tested every 90 days. There is no requirement to test animals on AFUs without grazing.

These units must be approved by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). The unit must follow strict conditions to reduce the potential risk of disease spread from the premises.

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## **Guidance: Balai Directive and EU trade in animals: approved premises**

*Updated:* Balai Directive approved premises list updated

Institute and centres which import and export certain animals under [Council Directive 92/65/EEC \(Balai Directive\)](#) must be approved by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

APHA approve and inspect these premises on behalf of Defra, Scottish Government and Welsh Government.

See guidance on [Balai Directive](#).