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Our ref: BD/1/4
Date: 17th August 2017

Dear

Letters received regarding weeds

I acknowledge receipt of your letters and maps received in our office on 17th August 2017 which have been passed to [redacted] for his attention.

Yours sincerely

for Principal Agricultural Officer



Please see 2 letters and maps in pouches received today from

17/8/17.

Site visits carried out on 23/8/2017.

From observation from roadside verges.

1. Occasional patches of thistles observed as growing in specified field at farm (NS/95916/44914). Request to control letter issued to occupier on 24/8/2017 to reduce risk of weeds spreading to neighbouring land.

2. Occasional ragwort plants observed in identified fields beside the A702 at Candybank. Request to control letter issued to last known occupier on 24/8/2017 to reduce the risk of weeds spreading to neighbouring land.

Senior Agricultural Officer
RPID Hamilton
24 August 2017.



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Our Ref: LC 533/0039.

24 August 2017.

Dear

WEEDS ACT 1959

Following a complaint it has been confirmed by observation from the public road that the species of injurious weeds prescribed in Section 1(2) of the Weeds Act 1959 (Spear Thistle, Creeping Thistle, Curled Dock, Broad-leaved Dock and Ragwort or other injurious weeds as may be prescribed by Scottish Ministers by regulation) are growing on land under your occupation and management at Farm, Carstairs Junction, field NS/95916/44914.

The provisions of the Weeds Act 1959 referred to are designed to ensure that the occupier of any land on which any of the prescribed weeds are growing shall take such action as may be necessary to prevent such weeds from spreading.

I accordingly now request that under the powers of the above Act you take all steps necessary to deal with the injurious weeds (mainly thistles) on the above-mentioned land as soon as possible and in any event not later than 11 September 2017. A further visit by a SGRPID official will be made to check on what action you have taken to control the weeds.

Yours sincerely

Senior Agricultural Officer.



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I refer to our recent telephone conversation and your subsequent letters of 16 August 2017.

Following your complaint it has been confirmed by observation from the public road that the species of injurious weeds prescribed in Section 1(2) of the Weeds Act 1959 (Spear Thistle, Creeping Thistle, Curled Dock, Broad-leaved Dock and Ragwort or other injurious weeds as may be prescribed by Scottish Ministers by regulation) are growing on the land identified on the submitted maps.

The occupiers of these areas of land have been issued with letters requesting that as under the provisions of the Weeds Act 1959 they take such action as may be necessary to prevent such weeds from spreading.

Yours sincerely

Senior Agricultural Officer.



File Note – Telephone call –

8 September 2017.

Telephone call regarding weeds complaint on land at farm.

indicated that no action had yet been taken following our letter to him on 24 August 2017. His main concern being that the weeds were now seeding

I confirmed that a letter had been issued and that the occupier had been given a period of time to take appropriate action but that this time period had not yet expired.

indicated that the SG had a statutory responsibility to ensure that action was taken and was seeking assurance that this would be done. I confirmed that SG would not invoke statutory action and that a voluntary approach was the preferred option. indicated that for other reasons he was unable to engage directly with the occupier of this land and was therefore reliant on our actions.

I confirmed that if possible a further assessment of the field would be carried out next week, but that this was not priority work within the office.

said that he would be monitoring the situation and that he would be back in contact if no action is taken.

Senior Agricultural Officer
RPID Hamilton
8 September 2017.