

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT NUMBER 78/19

RESTRICTED

PART OF STUDY FSGD-211

REGIONAL NUMBER W/19/19

OTHER REFERENCES R00992180

SENDER WAG

LOCATION Clawdd Poncen
Denbighshire

GRID REFERENCE SJ0644

INCIDENT DATE 21 September 2019

SUSPECTED CAUSE OF INCIDENT oxamyl
abuse

DATE OF REPORT 14 October 2019

REPORTING OFFICER [REDACTED]

SIGNED : [REDACTED]

NUMBERS AND SPECIES INVOLVED

1 rabbit carcase (bait?)

COPIED TO[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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**Samples received****Date received****Sample identifier**

99717 rabbit carcase (bait?)

1/10/19

Exhibit no. DJA1

Summary of field data

A gamekeeper on an estate found a gutted rabbit carcase that was tied to a fence at ground level. It appeared to have a powder like substance within the carcase and the carcase was collected by the Police and placed in a numbered evidence bag. The location is a field close to an A road and there is no public access to the area where the rabbit carcase was found. The case was reported to the Welsh Government, who noted that there has been a history of incidents in this area that involve the illegal use of carbamate pesticides: 42/16, W/16/25 a buzzard poisoned with aldicarb; 62/15, W/15/34 a rabbit carcase tied to a fence with carbofuran; and 145/10, W/10/21 a pheasant bait with aldicarb.

Summary of post mortem report

There appeared to be no other mortalities involved in this incident.

Analysis : metaldehyde & carb (LC) analysis suite

99717	oxamyl	confirmed	2000	mg/kg
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Conclusion

It was suspected that this rabbit carcase might be a poisoned bait. Laboratory analysis for a range of carbamate pesticides and metaldehyde has been undertaken on a sample removed from the submitted carcase. These tests have detected and confirmed a residue of oxamyl in a portion of grey/black granules that were removed from the carcase. The carcase appeared to be an entire rabbit with a piece of string attached to one hind leg and a large slit vertically up the abdomen with obvious granules present inside it. Therefore, a rabbit carcase has been intentionally laced with oxamyl, which is an abuse of a pesticide that is currently approved for use as a plant protection product.