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Dear Consultee

Pet travel: changes to the EU scheme

Defra, Scottish Government and the Welsh Government would like to invite your views on our proposed approach to the implementation of a new EU pet travel Regulation.

Background

A new EU pet travel Regulation (576/2013) was published in June 2013 and is due to come into effect on 29 December 2014, repealing and replacing the current Regulation (998/2003). Whilst the fundamentals of the regime will remain the same, a number of changes have been introduced which aim to strengthen compliance regimes, create greater consistency across the EU and improve the security and traceability of the pet passport.

The consultation document gives further information and can be viewed on our consultation website: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-health-and-welfare/changes-to-the-eu-pet-travel-scheme>

The consultation period

We have used informal discussions with a range of stakeholders to refine our implementation approach. In light of this previous engagement and as the fundamentals of the pet travel scheme will remain the same, a shorter consultation



period has been set, which will also enable us to meet the tight deadline for implementation of the EU legislation. This consultation will therefore run for 6 weeks and should be of interest to pet owners, veterinary practices, transport companies and anyone involved in pet travel.

Responses

To submit your consultation response, please complete the consultation questionnaire provided online with the consultation document at:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-health-and-welfare/changes-to-the-eu-pet-travel-scheme>

This is our preferred method as it is the fastest and most cost-effective way for us to collate and analyse responses.

Alternatively, if you are unable or prefer not to respond online, you can respond via email to EUPetTravel.Consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to:

Pet Travel Consultation Team, Defra
Area 5B
Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London SW1P 3JR

Please send us your response by **14th September 2014**.

Consultation Criteria

This consultation is consistent with the “*Consultations Principles*” which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

Responses relevant to the Welsh or Scottish Governments will be shared in full with them.

When this consultation ends, we will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at www.gov.uk/defra . This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people’s personal names, addresses or other contact details.

Copies of individual responses will be made available to the public on request. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you submit your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won’t count as a confidentiality request.

Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information



legislation. However, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Room 629, 9 Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR; or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation. We welcome your views and comments.

Yours sincerely,

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