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Dear Consultee,

The Diseases of Swine Regulations 2014

Defra, Scottish Government and the Welsh Government are writing to invite your views on proposed new legislation for the control of the pig exotic diseases Classical Swine Fever (CSF), African Swine Fever (ASF) and Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD) in Great Britain.

Background

The proposed legislation consolidates and simplifies the legislation for ASF, CSF and SVD by replacing eleven existing statutory instruments. The new regulations are clear and transparent about the measures to be taken, and also address some gaps in the transposition of the existing EU legislation.

This legislation does not change existing GB policy for the control of these diseases.

The consultation document gives further information and can be viewed on our consultation website: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/>.

The consultation period

In drafting this legislation, we have involved key stakeholders and an advanced version of these Regulations was tested in Exercise Walnut, a national disease exercise held in May-July 2013 to test the readiness to respond to an outbreak of CSF. This formal consultation will run for 4 weeks.

Responses

To submit your consultation response, please complete the consultation questionnaire provided online with the consultation document at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/>.

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 DoS.Consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to:

Diseases of Swine Consultation Team, Defra
Area 5B
Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London SW1P 3JR

Please send us your response by 11.59 pm on **27 May 2014**.

Consultation Criteria

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

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

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 Faithfully,

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(Defra Policy Lead for exotic notifiable diseases of pigs)