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Dear Consultee

Changes to bovine identification, registration, and movements in England

I am writing to invite views on the future of bovine identification, registration, and movements in England.

This consultation is an opportunity for you to help shape and influence the future direction of bovine identification, registration, and movements and builds upon previous engagement with industry. The consultation will give everyone the opportunity to have their say on future changes to bovine traceability in England.

The consultation asks for views in relation to the following areas:

- Simplifying the regulations,
- A fairer and more proportionate enforcement system,
- Bovine Electronic Identification (BeID),
- Future of holding registers,
- Removing passports for cattle fitted with BeID,
- Movements:
 - Whole movement reporting
 - An option to reporting movements in advance (pre-notification)
 - An option to provide transportation details,
- Paperless processes, and
- Late registration of calves.

These proposals will enable the modernisation of cattle traceability through better capture of information about the national herd to help stem disease spread during an outbreak. A move to digitisation with a new central cattle traceability database and the introduction of bovine electronic identification will help to reduce administrative burden. A simplification of the regulations themselves to ease understanding, and more proportionate enforcement options.

You only need to respond to the questions that you wish to answer. However, all respondents must complete the required 'Consultee Feedback on the Online Survey' and 'personal details and confidentiality' sections before you are able to submit your response to the online survey.

Please encourage your neighbours, members, colleagues, and associates to respond.

Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool). If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at cattleID@defra.gov.uk.

Responses, additional information, or documents can be sent to:

Consultation – Cattle ID and Traceability

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Responses should be received by 15 November 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Bovine ID and Traceability policy team