



Department
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Food & Rural Affairs

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Dear Consultee,

Proposed enhancements to bovine TB cattle control measures: tackling cattle-to-cattle transmission

A consultation exercise contributing to the delivery of the Government's Strategy for achieving Officially Bovine Tuberculosis Free (OTF) status for England

1. Defra is consulting on new bovine TB control measures for tackling transmission between cattle herds. You are invited to comment.
2. Further information and the consultation document can be found on-line at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/bovine-tb/proposed-enhancements-to-bovine-tb-cattle-control>
3. Alternatively, please contact us using the details in paragraph 4, below.

Responses

4. You can respond in one of three ways:
 - **Online** by completing the questionnaire at **Give Us Your Views** at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/bovine-tb/proposed-enhancements-to-bovine-tb-cattle-control>
 - **Email** to BTBengage@defra.gsi.gov.uk
 - **Post** to:
Cattle Measures Team
Defra
Area 5D, Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London
SW1P 3JR



5. The deadline for responses is **Friday, 11 July 2014**.

Consultation Criteria

6. This consultation is in line with the Coalition Government's Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>
7. The consultation will last for 4 weeks. Defra officials have had on-going discussions with many stakeholders over the last year and the proposals included in the consultation reflect feedback received. This consultation is longer than previous targeted consultations on changes to cattle measures to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to comment on the proposals for 2014.

How We Will Handle Your Response

8. Every response will be read and considered by the Cattle Measures policy team in Defra.
9. We intend to publish a summary of responses to this consultation. Inevitably it will not be practical to describe every response in detail.

Confidentiality

10. When we publish the summary of responses to the consultation it will not include your personal name (unless you have asked us to include it) or other personal data such as contact details. The summary may contain the name of your organisation, if you are responding on an organisation's behalf.
11. Defra will retain copies of responses for a suitable length of time. Please note that a member of the public can ask to see copies of information held. If you need to keep any part of your response confidential, please tell us when you respond. Please note that confidentiality disclaimers automatically added to e-mails do **not** count.
12. Important: We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for information. Because we must comply with the law, including Freedom of Information legislation, **we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep details that you provide to us confidential.**

Obtaining a Copy of the Summary of Responses

13. The consultation summary will be published on-line and will be accessible from <http://consult.defra.gov.uk> and www.gov.uk. If you require a hard copy, or have any other enquiries, please contact us by email at BTBengage@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by post at TB Comms, Defra, Area 5D Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.

14. Please note that consultation summaries and copies of responses are normally published within 12 weeks of a consultation closing.

Comments and Complaints

15. To comment or complain about the consultation process, please write to the Defra Consultation Co-ordinator.

- **By email:** consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

- **By post:** Room 629, 9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR

16. To ask us a question about this consultation, please contact us using the details at paragraph 4, above.

17. Thank you for your time.

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