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Dear Consultee

Pet travel Consultation: Statutory review of the Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011 (as amended)

Start date: 15 September 2016
End date: 27 October 2016

Summary

Defra, the Welsh Government and the Scottish Government seek your views on the implementation of the Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011 (as amended).

Background

The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011 details how the European Union (EU) pet travel scheme Regulation (EU No. 576/2013) operates in Great Britain (GB). The purpose of the Order is to set out the necessary legislative framework to permit the non-commercial movement of pet dogs, cats and ferrets into, or out of, GB while protecting the country from rabies, the *Echinococcus multilocularis* tapeworm and certain other pet-related diseases.

Article 22 of the Order places a duty upon the Secretary of State to complete a post-implementation review within five years of the Order coming into force, i.e. by 31 December 2016. The review must:

- consider if the Order has met its objectives;
- assess whether those objectives remain appropriate; and
- explore the extent to which these could be met by less regulatory means.

We are conducting this public consultation exercise to gather evidence to help answer the above questions.

We have produced a consultation document giving further information, which can be viewed on the consultation website at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/exotic-disease-control/petorderreview>

Consultation period

We have had regular discussions with a range of stakeholders over the last year on pet travel scheme issues associated with the Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order 2011. In light of this previous engagement, a six week consultation period has been set, which will also help us to meet the deadline to complete the post-implementation review by the end of the year.

The consultation will be of interest to pet owners, pet organisations, veterinary practices, animal welfare charities, pet transport companies, local authorities 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/exotic-disease-control/petorderreview>

This is our preferred method as it is the easiest 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 PetOrderReview.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 **27 October 2016**.

Consultation Criteria

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

When this consultation ends, we will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website, www.gov.uk/defra . This summary will include a list of the organisations that responded, but not individuals' 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 however if this information is sought under freedom of information legislation we cannot promise that we will 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
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Or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our consultation.

We genuinely welcome your views and comments, as your input is very important to the post-implementation review process.

Yours sincerely,

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