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Dear Consultee

Consultation on banning UK sales of ivory

1. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs invites your views on our proposal to introduce a total ban on sales of items containing ivory in the UK that could contribute either directly or indirectly to the continued poaching of elephants. The ban would prohibit UK sales of ivory, and the import and export of ivory for sale to and from the UK, subject to carefully defined exemptions. This measure would not affect the right to own, gift, inherit or bequeath items containing ivory.
2. The following documents may be found on Citizen Space (online consultation tool) at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/international/banning-uk-sales-of-ivory>
 - **Consultation document: Banning UK sales of ivory**
 - **Impact assessment: Banning the sale of ivory in the UK**
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a paper copy of this consultation. Please contact IvoryConsultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Responses

4. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool), you can also respond via email or post.
5. Responses should be received by **29 December 2017**.
6. This is a twelve-week consultation.

Confidentiality and data protection

7. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the government website at: www.gov.uk/defra. The summary will include a list of organisations that responded **but not** personal names, addresses or other contact details.
8. Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be made available to the public on request, in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). Defra may also publish the responses to the FOIA/EIR requests on www.gov.uk/defra.
9. If you want information, including personal information such as your name, that you provide to be treated as confidential, please explain clearly in writing when you provide your response to the consultation why you need to keep these details confidential. If we receive a request for the information under the FOIA or the EIRs we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as a confidentiality request.
10. Defra will share the information you provide in response to the consultation, including any personal data, with a third party of contracted external analysts for the purposes of response analysis and provision of a report.
11. Defra is the data controller in respect of any personal data that you provide, and Defra's Personal Information Charter, which gives details of your rights in respect of the handling of your personal data, can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/personal-information-charter>.
12. This consultation is being conducted in line with the "Consultation Principles" as set out in the Better Regulation Executive guidance which can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>.
13. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Consultation Co-ordinator, 8A, 8th Floor, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR; or email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

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