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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on amendments to the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) (England) Regulations 2010 (As amended) and the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Wales) Regulations 2008 (As amended)

I am writing to invite your views on updating the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), through the revocation and remaking with amendments the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2010 and of the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) (Wales) Regulations 2008.

We want to know what you think about amending the English and Welsh regulations on TSEs. TSEs are a family of diseases which include Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathies (BSE) in cattle and scrapie in sheep and goats. These changes would:

- bring UK laws regarding controls on feeding animal protein and handling of specified risk material into line with EU regulations;
- update scrapie compensation rates paid to farmers for sheep and goats in England;
- transfer the cost of sampling fallen cattle, which require testing for BSE, to the farming industry; and,
- make other minor technical amendments.

These changes would apply to the following regulations:

- Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2010
- Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Wales) Regulations 2008

This consultation is an opportunity for anyone to comment on the proposed changes.

The following documents may be found on the Defra's citizen space:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/plant-and-animal-health/tseconsultation>

which can be accessed from the Defra web site LINK and the Welsh Government web site LINK

We welcome your views and comments. If you wish to obtain a copy of the consultation document, please contact: Animal By-Products (ABP) and TSE Team at TSERegs2018.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Responses

To submit a response to this consultation, please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through citizen space (citizen space is an on-line consultation tool) at:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk>

Our preferred method of receiving responses is via the citizen space online portal, as this allows us to collate and analyse responses in the fastest and most cost-effective way. However, if you wish to respond to the consultation by email or in writing, please send responses to:

By email –

TSERegs2018.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Or

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Responses are welcomed through the medium of Welsh.

There will be an 8 week consultation period.

The closing date for the Consultation is **29 December 2017**.

This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>.

Summary of responses and confidentiality

1. Any responses you send will be seen in full by Defra and Welsh Government staff, who deal with matters relating to this consultation. Responses may also be seen by other Defra staff in order to help them plan future consultations.

2. When this consultation ends, we will summarise all responses and make this available online through our website at www.gov.uk. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details. If you require a hard copy of the summary, or have any other enquiries, please contact us by email at:

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3. A copy of each response will be retained for at least six months, from the date the consultation responses document is published. The public will have access to copies of responses on request under freedom of information legislation.

4. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please clearly state in writing when you send your response to the consultation.

5. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, it will not count as a confidentiality request concerning this consultation.

6. 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. But, because of the law, we cannot promise we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

7. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Room 8A, 8th Floor, Nobel House, 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. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours sincerely

Animal By-Products (ABP) and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) Teams

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