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Dear Consultee

30 July 2012

Consultation on the draft UK National Action Plan for pesticides

1. I am writing to invite views on the draft UK National Action Plan for pesticides.
2. The Plan is being made to fulfil the legal requirements of Article 4 of the Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides. It aims to capture all measures (Government and non-Government) in place in the UK which reduce any risk from the use of pesticides, and follows the direction of travel set out in the 2010 document "Consultation on the implementation of EU pesticides legislation; summary and government response" of 15 December 2010¹.
3. This consultation is being sent to a wide range of interested parties who will undoubtedly have their own particular interests. We therefore welcome comments on any aspect of the draft NAP or any issues you might like to raise in connection with it. In particular we would like you to consider the following questions:
 - Are the list of measures set out in the draft Plan accurately described, particularly regarding the implications for reducing risk from plant protection product use? Are there any important activities missing from the Plan which you are aware of from your own work or from your knowledge of the work of others?
 - Are there any existing or new indicators that you would like to see included in the Plan which would provide measures of progress under any of the areas raised by the sustainable use directive? If so, what are the sources of data for these indicators, and is this data publically accessible?
 - Are there any improvements you can suggest to establish better links between all the various parties with an interest in plant protection products (including farmers, growers, amenity users, retailers and so on; not just the government bodies involved in regulating these products)?
 - Finally we would welcome any other comments you may have on the draft Plan, for example:
 - Did you find it useful in terms of style, format, length and level of detail?

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<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110318131226/http://defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/pesticides/101215-pesticides-condoc-response.pdf>

- Were the questions posed helpful to you in considering the Plan?
 - Are the linkages and relationships between all those involved with plant protection products clearly explained?
4. This consultation is being carried out by the Chemicals Regulation Directorate of the Health and Safety Executive on behalf of Defra and the Devolved Administrations. The following documents have been published on Defra's website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult.
- Consultation Letter
 - Draft National Action Plan
 - List of Consultees

Responses

5. Please send responses by post, fax or email to:

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6. Responses should be received by **22 October 2012**.

Consultation Criteria

7. This consultation is in line with the Code of practice on Consultations. This can be found at www.bis.gov.uk/bre/.
8. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.
9. Respondents are requested to explain who they are, and, in the case of representative groups, to give a summary of the people and/or organisations they represent and to describe how the views of these people or organisations were gathered. We will send an acknowledgement to confirm receipt of each response. 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 send your response

to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

10. 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 that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.
11. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.
12. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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Lower Ground Floor
Ergon House
17 Smith Square
London
SW1P 3JR

Telephone: 020-7238-6575

Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk

13. Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.
14. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 2D Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AL, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.
15. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as per paragraph 5 above.

Yours faithfully

David P Williams

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