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Dear Consultee,

I am writing to invite your views on the implementation in England of the EU Dairy Package (Regulation (EU) no 261/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 511/2012 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 880/2012).

We expect this consultation to be of interest to anyone operating in the dairy supply chain from farm, through processing to retail and distribution, in particular anyone involved in the production, purchasing or processing of raw milk where the changes we are consulting upon would occur.

We are conducting a very short and direct consultation. We have liaised closely with representatives throughout the dairy supply chain during the last three years whilst these EU Regulations have been established. We believe we have consensus from industry on our proposals. We do not anticipate needing any domestic legislation since the EU Regulations are directly applicable. Following this process will mean that we can implement as quickly as possible the beneficial changes provided by these EU Regulations.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website:

- A copy of this letter
- List of direct consultees (to whom we have specifically written)
- The consultation document
- The Impact Assessment

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you need to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact Mike Watts at the address given above.

## Responses

Please send responses to either:

Mr Mike Watts  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)  
Dairy Policy Team  
Area 5B, 9 Millbank,  
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Or email: [dairy.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dairy.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

Responses should arrive with us by close of business on **Monday 21 January 2013**.



## Consultation meetings

We are arranging a series of consultation meetings which we expect to hold during the week commencing 7 January 2013. As soon as arrangements are confirmed, full details of these meetings will be published alongside the consultation on the Defra website and we will also inform you directly. These meetings will be open to all interested parties who wish to understand more about the proposed implementation in England of the EU dairy package.

## Consultation Criteria

This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>

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.

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.

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.

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at [www.defra.gov.uk/consult](http://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.

To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7B Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

Thank you in advance for any response you provide on this consultation. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

**Yours faithfully**

**MIKE WATTS**  
Dairy Policy Advisor

