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**Date: 27 September 2012**

Dear Consultee

**Consultation on streamlining/updating provisions of the Animal By-Products (Identification) Regulations 1995**

1. I am writing to invite views on the Government's proposed streamlining of the Animal By-Products (Identification) Regulations 1995 (as amended) to include removal of provisions duplicated in other legislation and a review of the staining requirements for certain Animal By-Products (ABPs) in Food Business establishments (i.e. slaughterhouses, cutting plants, game handling establishments and cold stores) and Animal By-Product premises (i.e. Collection Centres).
2. This is a joint Defra/Food Standards Agency consultation.
3. The following documents may be found on Defra's website at:  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/open/>
  - This letter
  - Consultation Document plus Appendices A-C
  - List of Consultees
  - Consultation Stage Impact Assessment
4. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of this consultation please contact Debbie Bailey at:

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## Responses

5. Please send responses to Debbie Bailey (as above) or email: [ABP.Team@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ABP.Team@defra.gsi.gov.uk)
6. Responses should be received **by Wednesday 21 November 2012**.
7. We are holding a shorter 8 week consultation in this instance as we consulted earlier on this subject in July 2010.

## Consultation Criteria

8. This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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Email: [defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

14. Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.
15. 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](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).
16. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

Debbie Bailey

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