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**To:**                    **1. Minister of State for Agriculture and Food**  
                              **2. Secretary of State**

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## **Review of TB Eradication Group for England**

1. On 3 April 2012, the Animal Health and Welfare Board for England was invited to make a recommendation on the implementation of recommendations from the internal review of the TB Eradication Group (TBEG).
2. The Board recommended that:
  - the Board should establish an advisory group on TB eradication as a sub group of the Board. The Board recognised the benefits of an advisory group in communicating progress on bTB eradication to stakeholders;
  - the Board should lead on developing strategy and the advisory group should focus on detailed implementation;
  - the proposed membership profile of the group was correct, the key being to identify individuals with the right skills.
  - wildlife and conservation expertise should be considered if appropriate candidates could be identified.
  - it might also be necessary to involve other experts, for example a scientist and someone with experience of the food industry;
  - the Chair should be an independent person with the right skills;
  - remuneration levels should be at a level to get the right people but a simple approach was preferred.
3. The Board invites you to accept its recommendation. If accepted, the TB policy team will advise you on the proposed membership of the new advisory group.

**Animal Health and Welfare Board for England Secretariat on behalf of  
Michael Seals, Chair of Animal Health and Welfare Board for England**