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Dear [REDACTED],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: THE SCIENTIFIC VALIDATION, DIAGNOSTIC TEST AND STANDARD PRACTICE INFORMATION ON THE CULLING PROCESS FOR THE LIVE CAPTURE AND DISPATCH BY SHOOTING**

Thank you for your request for information about scientific evidence and humaneness in relation to badger control, which we received on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

As detailed in the response to your last request, RFI 5509, the information that you have requested is already freely available on the internet.

Information on *the scientific validation, diagnostic test and standard practice information on the culling process for the live capture and dispatch by shooting* can be found in the three links below:

1. <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120616115816/http://archive.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/tb-control-measures/100915-tb-control-measures-annexb.pdf>
2. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/69463/pb13691-bovinetb-policy-statement.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69463/pb13691-bovinetb-policy-statement.pdf)
3. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/200909/pb13922-shooting-guidance-20130517.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/200909/pb13922-shooting-guidance-20130517.pdf)

As the information you have requested is already publicly available and easily accessible to you in another form or format, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIRs exempts Defra from providing a copy in response to your request.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Annex**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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