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To: George Eustice, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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Dear Minister

TB in Camelids and other non-bovine species

On 8 October 2013, the Animal Health and Welfare Board for England reviewed a proposal from TB Programme for changes to the control of TB in camelids and other non-bovine species including

- Utilising the opportunity provided by the Red Tape Challenge to move to statutory compensation for camelids to address the legal risks created by ex gratia payments.
- Introducing a voluntary Code of Practice in terms of pre movement testing and surveillance testing at owners' expense.
- TB in other non-bovine species should be considered in the context of the wider TB strategy and proposals should be consulted on in the New Year and these should be informed by cost benefit analysis/analyses and regular evaluation.

The Board concluded by recommending TB Programme proceeds with the consultation as proposed.

The Board invites you to accept its recommendation.

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