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Dear Consultee

Consultation on strengthened protection against Epirix

I am writing to invite views on proposed new legislation to protect against the risk of introduction of Epirix, a damaging pest of potatoes, on potatoes being imported from Spain.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website: www.gov.uk/defra

- A consultation paper.
- A list of consultees.

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation. Please contact:

UK Chief Plant Health Officer Unit
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Room 11G32
Sand Hutton
York
YO41 1LZ
or
Email: plantpestrisks@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Responses

To submit your consultation response please reply to address shown immediately above.

Responses should be received by 30 November 2015.

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>

Summary of responses and confidentiality

Any responses you send us will be seen in full by Defra staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Defra staff to help them plan future consultations.



When this consultation ends, we will summarise all responses and place this summary online available through our website at www.gov.uk/defra. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details. If you require a hard copy of the summary, or have any other enquiries, please contact us by email at: plantpestrisks@defra.gsi.gov.uk or Address: UK Chief Plant Health Officer Unit, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Room 11G32, Sand Hutton, York, YO41 1LZ.

We will store a copy of the responses received for at least six months from the date the consultation responses document has been published. This is so that the public can see them and copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. 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.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Room 629, 9 Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR; or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation. We welcome your views and comments. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Defra Consultation Co-ordinator,

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17 Smith Square
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Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully



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