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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: COPY OF THE RESPONSES RECEIVED FOR THE CONSULTATION ON THE REFORM OF THE FARM ANIMAL WELFARE CODES

Thank you for your request, which we received on 26 February 2015, for copies of the responses to the consultation on the reform of the animal welfare codes. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose a copy of the responses which can be disclosed at Annex C.

Following careful consideration, we have decided not to disclose some responses as the originators requested at the time that they were not publicly disclosed. As a result, the remainder of the information requested is being withheld as it falls under exemption 41 in section II of the FOIA, which relates to where disclosure would cause an actionable breach of confidence.

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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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