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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on risk pathways in TB which we received on 03 January 2019. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

Please would it be possible to help with the following which refers to the Bovine TB epidemiology report for England for 2017.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachmen t_data/file/765650/tb-epidemiology-england-2017.pdf

On Page 35 of the document it states that 38 possible risk pathways have been identified as sources of infection and that these have been aggregated into 9 hazards.

Is it possible to learn what the 38 risk pathways are and what the 9 hazards comprise?

Also please can you explain what the initials DRF mean on each of the pie charts?

DRF is the Disease Report form which is the data collection form for case management and the epidemiological investigation which includes assessment of risk pathways.

Please find Appendix 1 attached which describes the aggregation of 38 possible risk pathways into 8 hazards.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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