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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information regarding disease report forms which we received on 22 November 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

To add some context to the request for information a copy of the Disease Report Form (DRF) was provided to you under a previous request number ATIC1871 and has been attached under Appendix 1.

“Q. 1 Please provide a copy of the Welsh Disease Report Form for bovine Tb assessment if it differs from the DRF used in England ?

The same form is used by both England and Wales.

Q. 2. Please provide Welsh guidance for completing the DRF if it differs from the guidance specified in England ?

The guidance on completion of the DRF is the same.

Q. 3 Does the data gathered via the Welsh DFR in order to complete the Risk Pathway Assessment, use the same scoring and weighting methodology as that used in England ?

The same scoring and weighting methodology is used by both England and Wales.

Q. 4. If the Welsh RPA methodology differs from the answer to Q.3, could you please provide a copy of the methodology used in Wales to construct the RPA ?”

The same methodology is used in both Wales and England.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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