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Date: 16 July 2012

Dear Sir or Madam

Consultation on the proposed revision of fees for services delivered by the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA)

1. I am writing to invite views on options for proposed changes to fees for statutory services delivered by AHVLA. The services are provided by AHVLA on behalf of Defra, the Welsh Government, the Scottish Government and Northern Ireland (the latter for CITES only). The seven statutory services where fees are being reviewed are;

- Bovine Embryos
- Bovine Semen
- Porcine Semen
- Poultry Health Scheme (PHS)
- *Salmonella* National Control Programmes (NCP)
- Border Inspection Posts (BIPs)
- Control of Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

Consultation Documents

2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website:

www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/07/16/ahvla-fee-revision/

- Consultation letter
- Consultation document
- Annex A: Impact assessment on proposed changes to fees for bovine embryo services
- Annex B: Impact assessment on proposed changes to fees for bovine semen services
- Annex C: Impact assessment on proposed changes to fees for porcine semen services
- Annex D: Impact assessment on proposed changes to fees for PHS services
- Annex E: Impact assessment on proposed changes to fees for *salmonella* NCP services
- Annex F: Impact assessment on proposed changes to fees for BIPs services
- Annex G: Impact assessment on proposed changes to fees for CITES services
- List of consultees
- Consultation questionnaire

3. We would welcome your views and comments on the proposals.

Obtaining copies of the consultation papers

4. Electronic copies of the consultation papers may be downloaded from the Defra website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/07/16/ahvla-fee-revision/

5. If you wish to obtain a printed copy of this consultation please contact the AHVLA fees consultation team at:

AHfeesconsultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk

or write to us at the contact address for responses below.

AHVLA Fees Consultation team
Area 5A 9 Millbank
c/o Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London
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Responses

6. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals and would be grateful if you could submit your evidence to the consultation by downloading and completing the consultation questionnaire which can be found at www.defra.gov.uk/consult

7. Please send your reply by email to:

AHfeesconsultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk

8. If you are replying with a printed copy of the questionnaire then please post your response to:

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9. Responses should be received by 10th September 2012.

Consultation Criteria

10. This consultation is in line with the Code of practice on Consultations. This can be found at www.bis.gov.uk/bre/.

11. 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.

12. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at www.defra.gov.uk/consult. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

1. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

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Information Resource Centre
Lower Ground Floor
Ergon House
17 Smith Square
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Telephone: 020-7238-6575

Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk

2. Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.
3. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 7B Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.
4. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

Julie Hitchcock

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