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Defra, the Welsh Government and the Food Standards Agency invite your views on a proposal to stop BSE testing of healthy slaughtered cattle in England and Wales from 1 January 2013, in line with EU proposals. Defra and the Welsh Government will seek advice from the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Health Ministers before making any changes to BSE testing of cattle slaughtered for human consumption in England and Wales.

The consultation package, which may be found on Defra's website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult>, includes a consultation document, a partial Impact Assessment and a list of consultees.

The closing date for responses to this consultation is **5 December 2012**.

Please send responses to:

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When responding, please state whether you are responding as a private individual or on behalf of an organisation or company.

Yours faithfully

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