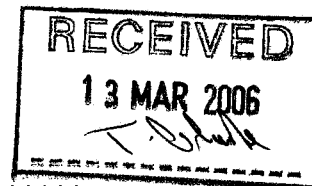


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Please find attached a response to the above consultation from the British Cattle Veterinary Association. I am sorry for the late submission but hope you will find the response useful. If you have any questions about this please contact me at the BCVA Office.

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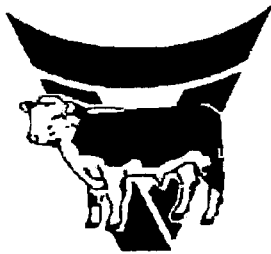
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BCVA Response to the Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Service Sector

The BCVA is a specialist division of the British Veterinary Association comprising 1400 members of whom over 1000 are practising veterinary surgeons working with cattle in farm animal veterinary practice.

BCVA is grateful for the opportunity to comment on the above consultation.

We agree with the general principle behind the provision of information to allow the consumer to make an informed choice regarding the beef that they purchase and consume. We are of the opinion, however, that for many people country of origin is not a primary concern when selecting beef, despite the current availability of this information in sectors other than the food service sector. Legislating to ensure the availability of this information in the food service sector is, in our opinion, likely to have as great a negative impact on beef consumption as positive both at the level of individual choice and at an industry level because of an increased amount of "red tape" (unless similar legislation is also applied to other meats used within the food service sector). We are also concerned that such legislation will be unenforceable and the information provided may well add confusion rather than clarification; will, for example, country of origin refer to where the animal from which the beef was derived was born, where it was raised, where it was slaughtered or where it was butchered?

Should the proposals be adopted as in the consultation document, or in any other form, we are of the opinion that the inclusion of veal as well as beef is important because of the significant welfare issues raised by some systems of veal production.

ANNEX E

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF BEEF IN THE FOOD SERVICE SECTOR

RESPONDEE INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the details below and attach it with your response. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately:

Name: KEITH CUTLER

Postal Address: BCVA OFFICE, THE GREEN, FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOS, GL2 7EP

Consultation title: Country of Origin of Beef in the Food Service Sector

1. Are you responding as: (please tick one box)

- (a) an individual (go to 2a/b)
- (b) on behalf of a group or organisation (go to 2c)

2a. INDIVIDUALS:

Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in SE library and/or on SE website)?

- Yes (go to 2b below)
- No, not at all

2b. Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your response available to the public on the following basis (please tick one of the following boxes)

- Yes, make my response, name and address all available
- Yes, make my response available, but not my name or address
- Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

2c. ON BEHALF OF GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS:

Your name and address as respondents will be made available to the public (in the SE library and/or on SE website). Are you content for your response to be made available also?

- Yes
- No

SHARING RESPONSES/FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

3. We will share your response internally with other SE policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Executive to contact you again in the future in relation to this consultation response?

- Yes
- No