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Dear Sir/Madam

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

I refer to Elizabeth Baird's letter dated 15 November 2005 which was accompanied by a copy of the above consultation paper. LACORS comments are set out below.

In our view consumers are concerned about the origin of food that they purchase and any measures to improve information in this respect are welcomed. Generally speaking we would favour a voluntary rather than a statutory approach since this would be consistent with post Hampton principles.

We have only one comment on the detail of the proposals at paragraph 4.17 and the 4th bullet point. This refers to label codes relating to Scotch or Scottish beef enabling caterers to pass on this information to the consumer.

However, as these regional descriptions (Scotch/Scottish) are only subject to the voluntary provisions of the current beef labelling rules this information via labelling codes may not always be available.

Yours sincerely

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Les Bailey".

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