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To: organisations on the attached list

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Dear Sir/Madam

CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR FARM ANIMAL WELFARE IN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES, BOTH NATURAL AND RESULTING FROM HUMAN ACTIONS, AND DISEASE OUTBREAKS

The Farm Animal Welfare Council has charged its Ethics, Economics, Education and Regulation Standing Committee, under the Chairmanship of Professor Richard Bennett, to undertake a study of the welfare implications of disasters and emergencies, both natural and resulting from human actions, and of mitigation strategies to protect farm animal welfare.

The aim of this study is to:

- identify the potential impacts on farm animal welfare of disaster and emergency situations, both natural or resulting from human actions, including disease outbreaks; and
- consider the implications for contingency planning to protect farm animal welfare.

The main areas of investigation are:

1. To identify a range of possible disaster and emergency scenarios for which contingency planning might be necessary, from farm-based emergencies to potentially very serious and large-scale disaster and emergency scenarios with the ability to adversely affect the welfare of farm animals.
2. To identify the main welfare implications of these scenarios for farm animals.
3. To explore strategies for protecting the welfare of farm animals and for mitigating welfare impacts, drawing on examples of best practice.
4. To consider how these strategies might best be incorporated into contingency planning.
5. To define roles and responsibilities of livestock keepers/owners, government (and its agents) and other stakeholders with regards to farm animal welfare in emergency situations.

Comments are invited on the main areas of investigation and anything that consultees may feel is missing from the study as described.

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In addition to this consultation exercise, we may write to some organisations with specific questions as work progresses. Some may also be invited to discussions with the Group. Normally FAWC reports list the names of the organisations that gave evidence. Should you prefer to be excluded from the list, please let us know when you reply.

If you believe there are any important omissions from the list of consultees, I should be obliged if you would let me have the name and address of an appropriate contact.

FAWC thanks you for your co-operation and looks forward to receiving your comments by 23 December 2009.

Yours faithfully

Richard Aram
FAWC Secretariat

List of addressees:

ADAS
Agskills
Advocates for Animals
Agricultural Industries Confederation
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board
All Party Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare
Alliance of Independent Retailers
Animal Aid
Animal Air Transport Association
Animal Diseases Research Association Moredun Institute
Animal Health
Animals Procedures Committee
Association of British Abattoir Operators
Association of Chief Police Officers
Association of Scottish Colleges
Assured British Meat
Assured British Pigs
Assured Food Standards
AWSELVA
Babraham Institute
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
Board of Deputies of British Jews
British Cattle Veterinary Association
British Deer Farmers Association
British Deer Society
British Egg Industry Council
British Equine Veterinary Association
British Free Range Egg Producers Association
British Goat Society
British Institute of Agricultural Consultants
British Pig Association
British Pig Executive
British Poultry Council
British Retail Consortium
British Trout Association
British Veterinary Association (BVA)
British Veterinary Poultry Association
Cabinet Office Emergency Planning College
Central Science Laboratory
Civil Contingencies Division, Scottish Government Justice Department
Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Cabinet Office
Chief Fire Officers Association
Companion Animal Welfare Council
Compassion in World Farming
Conservative Animal Welfare Group
Consumers Association
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
Co-operative Group (CWS) Ltd
Countryside Alliance
Council of Europe
Defra Animal Welfare Team
Defra Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear
Emergency Planning Group
English Beef and Lamb Executive
Eurogroup for Animal Welfare
European Commission

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Farm & Food Society
Farm Animal Initiative
Farm Assured Welsh Livestock
Farmers' Union of Wales
Farming and Livestock Concern UK
Federation of Veterinarians in Europe
Food Standards Agency
Freedom Food Ltd
Game and Wildlife Conservancy Trust
Game Farmers Association
Government Offices
Hannah Research Institute
Home Office, Security
Humane Slaughter Association (HSA)
Institute for Animal Health
Institute of Auctioneers and Appraisers in Scotland
Institute of Biology
Institute of Food Research
Institute of Grocery Distribution
Institute of Trading Standards Administration
International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
J Sainsbury plc
John Lewis plc
LACORS
Lantra
Licensed Animal Slaughterers and Salvage Association
Linking Environment and Farming
Livestock Auctioneers Association
Local Government Association
Macaulay Land Use Research Institute (MLURI)
Marks & Spencer plc
Meat Hygiene Service
NADIS
National Assembly for Wales, Rural Affairs Department
National Association of Agricultural Contractors
National Association of Local Councils
National Beef Association
National Consumer Council
National Consumer Federation
National Council of Women of Great Britain
National Farmers Union
National Farmers' Union of Scotland
National Farmers' Union (Wales)
National Federation of Womens' Institutes
National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs
National Office of Animal Health Ltd (NOAH)
National Pig Association
National Proficiency Tests Council (NPTC)
National Sheep Association
National Standing Committee for Farm Animal Genetic Resources
Natural England
OIE – World Organisation for Animal Health
Organic Farmers and Growers
Organic Food Federation
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Pig Veterinary Society
Poultec Training Ltd
Quality Meat Scotland
Road Haulage Association
Rowett Research Institute

Royal Agricultural College
Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE)
Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)
Royal Veterinary College
Scottish Agricultural College
Scottish Animal Health and Welfare Advisory Group
Scottish Centre for Animal Welfare Science
Scottish Consumers Council
Scottish Dairy Association
Scottish Federation of Meat Traders' Association
Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Scottish Government, Rural Affairs and Environment Department
Sheep Veterinary Society
Small Farm Association
Soil Association
SUSTAIN
Tenant Farmers Association
Tesco Stores Ltd
Union of Muslim Organisations of UK & EIRE
Universities Federation for Animal Welfare/Humane Slaughter Association
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of Oxford
University of Reading
University of Stirling
Vegetarian Economy & Green Agriculture (VEGA) Research
Vegetarian International Voice for Animals (VIVA)
Veterinary Laboratories Agency
Veterinary Medicines Directorate
Veterinary Public Health Association
WM Morrison Supermarkets Ltd
Waitrose Ltd
Wales Animal Health and Welfare Strategy Steering Group
Wales Resilience Partnership Team
Welsh Assembly Government Rural Affairs Department
Welsh Consumer Council
Welsh Local Government Association
Women's Food & Farming Union
World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)
Zoos Forum