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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 11 October regarding The Bluetongue (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 ('The Regulations').

I note the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's concerns regarding The Regulations not setting out the requirements for surveillance zones as in the EU Directive. However we do not believe that this is an issue that affects the operation of the legislation for the reasons set out in our previous response.

The requirements of the Directive are clear and unambiguous, therefore, despite not being included in the Regulations, the operation of the EU law is not undermined. However, we do note the Committee's concerns regarding under implementation with regards to surveillance zones. Consequently we propose to amend the legislation to include reference to the surveillance zone distances at the next review of the regulations.

Yours sincerely

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