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Dear Colleague,

On 8 July, I held another roundtable with representatives of the livestock industry to listen to their views regarding Bluetongue. There was particular emphasis on the operation of markets and breeding stock sales in the coming weeks and months.

I am grateful to everyone who contributed to the roundtable discussion and can confirm that from 14 July 2025 livestock markets in Wales will be able to apply to become a 'Bluetongue Approved Red Market'.

This will enable sales of finished sheep and cattle (primestock), including from the England-wide Bluetongue Restricted Zone (RZ) to then be moved directly to a designated slaughterhouse in Wales (or a slaughterhouse within the RZ in England).

Bluetongue Approved Red Markets will not require pre-movement testing or vaccination of livestock, nor will onward moves to a designated slaughterhouse in Wales.

The relevant Welsh Government webpages will be updated.

Yours sincerely,

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