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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 16 November regarding The Bluetongue (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 ('The Regulations').

The EU Directive states that a surveillance zone must have a depth of at least 50 kilometres extending beyond the limits of the protection zone. A surveillance zone area in excess of this size would fully comply with the requirements of the Directive.

In the event of an outbreak of Bluetongue virus, the Welsh Ministers would declare legally compliant, appropriately sized zones based on all the relevant evidence. As was the case in previous disease outbreaks, this information would be publicised widely through media and press communications.

Yours sincerely

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