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Consultation Document

Codes of Practice for the Welfare of Livestock:

Laying Hens

Meat Chickens and Breeding Chickens

Date of issue: **20 November 2017**

Responses by: **midnight 12 February 2018**

Overview

This consultation gives Industry, enforcement agencies, specialist interest groups, and the general public the opportunity to comment on a revised Code of Practice for the Welfare of Laying Hens and a new Code of Practice for the Welfare of Meat and Breeding Chickens.

The codes are intended to encourage all those who are responsible for laying hens, meat chickens and breeding chickens to adopt the highest standards of husbandry. They explain what a person needs to do to meet the standards of care the law requires. Essentially, if you own or are responsible for an animal you have a legal duty to take reasonable steps to ensure its welfare needs are met.

The Welsh Government is very grateful to representatives from the Industry who assisted in the preparation of the codes.

How to respond

This consultation seeks views on the style, layout and content of the codes and the information, advice and guidance they contain. It is important that you give as much information and evidence as possible to support your opinion. This will help us improve the accuracy and quality of the codes. Comments are welcome on any part of the codes.

In your response, please identify clearly which code you are commenting on.

Please send your comments by midnight **12 February 2018** to:

LivestockWelfare@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK

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Further information and related documents **Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.**

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Data protection How the views and information you give us will be used

Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government staff to help them plan future consultations.

The Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. This helps to show that the consultation was carried out properly. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then blank them out.

Names or addresses we blank out might still get published later, though we do not think this would happen very often. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including the Welsh Government. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account.

However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information.

