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Veterinary Medicines Residues

The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and
Maximum Residue Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2019

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Action required: Responses by 26th February 2019

Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.
This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview

Veterinary medicines, although essential for the treatment of animals and ensuring animal welfare, also present a range of potential risks to human health and the environment. If misused, they can affect human health directly or may enter the natural environment through production, use or disposal with unknown consequences.

The draft Regulations are an important, but technical update to allow the veterinary medicines framework in Wales to continue to operate effectively post-EU Exit. It does not change our policy on veterinary medicines residues.

How to respond

You can respond to this consultation using the questionnaire at the back of this document, by completing an online questionnaire, or writing to the team using the contact details below.

Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

To access the consultation online, including a questionnaire to submit your response, please see <https://beta.gov.wales/consultations>

Contact details

For further information:

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General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Welsh Government will be data controller for any personal data you provide as part of your response to the consultation. Welsh Ministers have statutory powers they will rely on to process this personal data which will enable them to make informed decisions about how they exercise their public functions. Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about or planning future consultations. Where the Welsh Government undertakes further analysis of consultation responses then this work may be commissioned to be carried out by an accredited third party (e.g. a research organisation or a consultancy company). Any such work will only be undertaken under contract. Welsh Government's standard terms and conditions for such contracts set out strict requirements for the processing and safekeeping of personal data.

In order to show that the consultation was carried out properly, 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. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then redact them before publishing.

You should also be aware of our responsibilities under Freedom of Information legislation

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- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection.

For further details about the information the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you want to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

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Where are we now?

Currently in force in Wales are The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997. These need to be updated to align with England and Scotland, where The Animal and Animal Products (Examination of Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 are in force.

What will the draft legislation do?

The draft Regulations set out provisions to ensure animal produce is safe for consumers from exposure to residues of veterinary drugs which may be utilised in livestock farming legally, and also to prohibit the use of certain illegal drugs. They also ensure any references to future retained EU legislation are accurate and revoke references to out-of-date legislation.

Evidence for change

The draft legislation will allow the veterinary medicines framework to continue to operate effectively post-EU Exit. The update is important, but technical, and does not change our policy on veterinary medicines residues.

It is highly undesirable for Wales to have veterinary medicines residues legislation that could be perceived as weaker than that in force elsewhere in the UK and EU.

Consultation Response Form

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

email / telephone number:

Your address:

Question 1: We would like to know your views on the attached draft Regulations and particularly any impacts, either positive or negative, they may have on the veterinary medicines framework in Wales.

Question 2: We would like to know your views on the effects that the draft Regulations would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Question 3: Please also explain how you believe the draft Regulations could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Question 4: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Please enter here:

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