

Number: WG37824



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Welsh Government  
Consultation – summary of response

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

April 2019

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

## **Summary of responses to the Consultation on The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

### **Introduction**

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.

Previously in force in Wales were *The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997*. This legislation needed updating to come into line with the rest of GB (*The Animal and Animal Products (Examination of Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulation 2015*) and with the retained EU legislation upon which the English and Scottish legislation is based.

The new 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. This was an important, but technical update.

A shorter four-week consultation period was approved. This period ran from 28th January – 26th February 2019. The consultation documentation was published on the Welsh Government website (<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2019-01/medicines-consultation-document.pdf>) and known interested parties were contacted at the beginning of the consultation period to allow adequate time for review and response.

No responses were received in this instance.

### **We asked four questions:**

**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: