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Revision of the Code of Practice to Prevent and Control the Spread of Ragwort

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Overview

We are seeking your views on proposed changes to the Code of Practice to Prevent the Control and Spread of Ragwort.

How to respond

Submit your comments by 15 January 2024, in any of the following ways:

- email
- post
- online form

Further information and related documents

This document is available at www.gov.wales/consultations.

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

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Background

1. The aim of the Code of Practice to Prevent and Control the Spread of Ragwort (“the Code”) is to prevent and control the spread of Common ragwort only where it poses a threat to the health and welfare of grazing animals, in particular horses and cattle which are particularly susceptible to ragwort poisoning. This guidance does not seek to eradicate Common ragwort, as it is a native plant which is important for biodiversity. It therefore seeks to find a balance between the needs of landowners and occupiers grazing and feeding their livestock, and the need to protect biodiversity.
2. The Code was published in 2011. We therefore wish to update the document. We have made suggested changes and have liaised with the Animal Welfare Network Wales Group for their initial input.
3. Before issuing, revising or replacing the Code, Welsh Ministers are obliged by legislation to consult with such persons as they consider appropriate, and to lay the Ragwort Code before the Senedd.

What is this Consultation about?

4. We are seeking your views on proposed changes to the Code of Practice to Prevent the Control and Spread of Ragwort. The existing Code was published in 2011. We are proposing to make changes which bring the Code up-to-date. The amendments include updating the names of organisations and relevant contacts, updating references to legislation and legal requirements where new legislation has been introduced since 2011 and changes relating to advice around best practice measures.

Next steps

5. Following this consultation, we will consider all responses and take them into account when finalising an updated version of the Code. Once the responses have been considered a Government Response will be published on our website.

Proposal

6. A version of the Code of Practice is provided with new text shown in **red font** and deletions shown in **red text with strikethrough (viewed like this)**.

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