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Dear Sir / Madam

Consultation on *proposed Red Meat Industry (Wales) Measure*

As part of its Stage 1 consideration, the National Assembly for Wales' Legislation Committee No.3 is calling for evidence on the general principles of the [proposed Red Meat Industry \(Wales\) Measure](#).

What is a Measure?

A Measure is a piece of law made by the Assembly, which has a similar effect to an Act of Parliament. The Assembly is able to pass Measures on any 'matter' listed in [Schedule 5](#) to the Government of Wales Act 2006. The proposed Red Meat Industry (Wales) Measure uses matters relating to the Welsh red meat industry.

While a Measure is in progress through the Assembly, it is known as a 'proposed Measure'.

There is a four stage process for the consideration of a proposed Measure. Stage 1 involves consideration of the general principles of the proposed Measure by a committee (which includes the taking of written and oral evidence from interested parties and stakeholders), and the agreement of those general principles by the Assembly.

What does this proposed Measure seek to achieve?

The Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the proposed Measure states:

'The fundamental purpose of the Measure is to remove the need for an Assembly Sponsored Public Body to be in place for the purposes of managing the development and promotion of the Welsh red meat industry. The Measure will make Welsh Ministers directly accountable for the Red Meat Industry.'

What is the committee's role?

The role of Legislation Committee No. 3 is to consider and report on the general principles of the proposed Measure. In doing so, the Committee has agreed to work within the following framework:

To consider:

- i) the need for a proposed Measure to deliver the stated objectives of:
 - making statutory provision, through a legislative framework, for the development and promotion of the Welsh red meat industry;
- ii) whether the proposed Measure achieves its stated objectives;
- iii) the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure and whether they are appropriate to deliver its objectives;
- iv) potential barriers to the implementation of the key provisions and whether the proposed Measure takes account of them;
- v) the views of stakeholders who will have to work with the new arrangements.

How you can help – the consultation questions

Further details of the proposed Measure and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found on the National Assembly's website at:
http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-measures/bus-legislation-measures-proposed_redmeat.htm

The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its scrutiny of the proposed Measure. In particular, we would welcome your views on the questions listed in **Annex 1**.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to APSLegislationCommitteeNo3@wales.gsi.gov.uk and entitle the e-mail *Consultation – Proposed Welsh Red Meat Industry Measure*.

Alternatively, you can write to:
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Submissions should arrive by 13 November 2009. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Further information on the **legislative process** can be found at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-guidance/bus-legislation-guidance-measures.htm>

When preparing your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- your response should address the issues before the Committee. Please reference your response using the title applied above;
- the National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed by Assembly Members at Committee meetings. **If you do not want your response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission;**
- please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual; and
- please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English and Welsh and will consider responses to the written consultation during the autumn term.

If you have any queries, please contact Fay Bowen, Committee Clerk on 029 2089 8041 or Ruth Hatton, Deputy Clerk on 029 2089 8019.

Yours faithfully



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Annex 1

1. Is there a need for legislation to be made to develop and promote the Welsh red meat industry and if so why?
2. Are the sections of the proposed Measure appropriate in terms of making statutory provision, through a legislative framework, for the development and promotion of the Welsh red meat industry? If not, how does the proposed Measure need to change?

In considering this question, consultees *may* wish to consider, in particular, the nature of the provisions in the proposed Measure that:

- (a) Declare that Welsh Ministers may do anything that they consider appropriate to further the objectives set out in section 2 of the proposed Measure (**Section 3**)
 - (b) Detail the imposition and calculation of levies and the power to make provision about levies imposed in respect of persons carrying out a designated primary activity or a designated secondary activity (**Section 4 - 5**)
 - (c) Relate to the making of returns and estimates (**Section 8**)
 - (d) Require the keeping of records and their production (**Section 9**)
 - (e) Relate to Inspection, Powers of Entry, Offences committed by bodies or partnerships and Time Limits for bringing proceedings (**Sections 10 -13**)
3. How will the proposed Measure change what organisations do currently and what impact will such changes have, if any?
 4. What are the potential barriers to implementing the provisions of the proposed Measure (if any) and does the proposed Measure take account of them?
 5. What are your views on the intended effects of this legislation in producing a regulatory framework that is sufficiently flexible, such that it would be possible, to change the way at which the red meat levy is determined and collected?
 6. What impacts could the Measure have on cross-border trade in the red meat sector?
 7. What are the financial implications of the proposed Measure for organisations, if any?

8. Are there any other comments you wish to make about specific sections of the proposed Measure

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