

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Atebion Gweinidogion
Information Further to Ministerial Answers**

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**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(3)1288(RAF) a gyhoeddwyd gan Elin Jones, y Gweinidog
dros Faterion Gwledig, ar 29 Mawrth 2011**

**Information further to OAQ(3)1288(RAF) issued by Elin Jones, the Minister for Rural Affairs,
on 29 March 2011**

At/To Kirsty Williams:

During in Plenary on 9 March I promised to write to you regarding discussions with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on the possible future use of on-farm bioreducers and the research undertaken by Bangor University into the fate of microbes during the bioreduction process.

As I pointed out the newly introduced Animal By-Product Regulations (EC/1069/2009) and their implementing Regulations (EC/142/2011) which came into force on 4 March include, thanks to an amendment introduced by the Welsh Assembly Government, the facility to allow for on farm containment of fallen stock pending disposal subject to the approval of EFSA.

Should the final outcome of the research, which has been jointly funded by WAG and Hybu Cig Cymru, be positive WAG will support an application to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for approval as a recognised system for on-farm containment of carcasses. As you are aware, interim results have been favourable, however, full analysis is needed before the dossier to EFSA can be finalised. Final results from the Bangor team are expected by late April and we expect the dossier to be completed by the end of May 2011.

Once a completed application to EFSA has been submitted EFSA has a period of six months in which to assess the application (Article 20.5 of EC/1069/2009). If the opinion is favourable the European Commission will inform the applicant of the proposed measures to be adopted. I welcome the interest the farming industry has shown in the Bioreducer trials.