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Dear Minister

**CLA178 - The Bluetongue (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012**

Thank you for your letter of 24 October regarding the above Regulations.

We considered your letter on 5 November and noted that the Government intends to amend the regulations to include reference to surveillance zone distances at some point in the future.

However, we remain concerned at the lack of clarity about the size of these zones given that the EU Directive sets out a minimum area, which could be increased by Ministers without the need for further legislation.

We would therefore be grateful for an explanation of how the Government intends to publish information about the size of surveillance zone areas in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

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