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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 22 May regarding the labelling of produce using religious slaughter methods. Wales has a proud tradition of being diverse and open to all beliefs and cultures. I wish to reassure you that it is not the intention of the Welsh Government to cause difficulty to any group in not being able to exercise their beliefs.

The information on food labels has to comply with strict regulations that are designed to protect the consumer from harm and potential fraud. These regulations are currently based on European law. After the UK leaves the European Union it may be necessary to consult on the reform of the information that is presented on food labels, and information relating to the method of slaughter might be included in such a consultation. Until the final terms of the UK withdrawal have been agreed, it is not possible to give you a timetable when any consultation might be published.

Producers are able to display the logos of different certification schemes on their products, however this is not mandatory. Mis-selling of goods, for example due to incorrect consumer information, would breach consumer protection legislation, and any instances should be reported to Trading Standards for investigation.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I recognise the strength of feeling about this issue and what that could mean for labelling or not labelling products. There are arguments in favour and against. In any future consultation on labelling laws, it will be fundamental that any potential changes allow consumers to make informed choices.

Regards  
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