

BVA Welsh Branch response to Welsh Government Consultation on a Refreshed TB Eradication Programme

Who we are

1. The British Veterinary Association (BVA) is the national representative body for the veterinary profession in the United Kingdom. With over 1

scope in future to utilise the more sensitive interferon-
of this process.

16. We believe this proposal would be enhanced by being accompanied by the provision of data which would further inform the purchaser of the risk posed by the movement.

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persistent herd breakdowns? Please explain your reasons

Yes

No

Comment:

22. We believe there may be merit in slowing down the movements off farms that have regained OTF status. In Wales, cattle cannot be moved out of a herd that has recently regained OTF status after a chronic breakdown unless those animals undergo bespoke pre-movement testing at least 60 days after the clearing short-interval test. This reduces the risk of moving infected cattle to other herds following the lifting of restrictions.

23. Before expanding the requirement, government should provide an evaluation of the risk posed by animals moved off-farm shortly after receiving OTF status. To support this, the current Welsh Government policy should be evaluated, and a chron chron chron tm1chron n tr

predict, and responses vary by target groups.¹¹ Behavioural economics can be complex, but at a basic level, the EAST (Easy, Attractive, Social and Timely) framework, developed by the Behavioural Insights Team,¹² can be useful.

- **Mandate provision and display of TB information at point of sale**

Yes

No

Comment:

- 42.** BVA supports this proposal for mandatory sharing of bTB information at point of sale. However, data must be up to date and timely and presentation of data needs careful consideration.
- 43.** Knowledge-based, risk-based trading should be accepted as standard practice, with

because veterinary surgeons have both a high degree of professionalism and a close working relationship with farmers. Moral conflict has been shown to have a significant detrimental effect on the well-being of veterinary surgeons.

59.

negative scenarios

adopt this behaviour your life will benefit in these ways), rather than loss messages
effective in stimulating
uptake of advice on diabetes. The literature, therefore, suggests that there is some
benefit in adopting an approach that uses positive language/scenarios to encourage
behaviour changes.

60. Positive reinforcement of behaviours can also be achieved by associating them with

Within each species there will be a wide range from large scale farmers to those who have a relationship that is more akin to that of a pet owner.

76. We welcome this proposal by Government, nBT66 0 0 h(p)-8(r)13omee 0 ntpopse7(n)13(h)-8(u)17(n)-4()-

81. We support appropriate payment for both TB and TB co-infections in those who are able to take part.

Q21 Do you agree with any of the options outlined with regards to stakeholder involve

