

BVA response to Trade and Agriculture Commission Call for Evidence - CPTPP

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Introduction

- 1) The British Veterinary Association (BVA) is the national representative body for the veterinary profession in the United Kingdom. With nearly 19,000 members, our primary aim is to represent, support and champion the interests of the United Kingdom's veteri

this recommendation of the TAC. Core standards should be developed before the UK offers tariff-free access to its market. Consideration needs to be given to how the UK would determine a standard as being equivalent to these core standards and this will need a system requiring checks and continuous monitoring to ensure standards are maintained over time.

- 19) To reiterate, it is our view that FTAs should commit all parties to promote cooperation on welfare standards and be supportive of future research on animal welfare standards. Trading partners should also promote and maintain food safety standards to the level of the country with the higher standards, it should be an ongoing conversation between both countries on how they can better support animal welfare and food safety standards in food production and trade.