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Dear William,

| March 2013

Thank you for your letter dated 6 February concerning the implementation of Regulation 1099/2099 on the protection of animals at time of killing.

A brief summary of the consultation responses that cover the main issues raised has been published as part of the Decision Report on the Welsh Government website -

<http://wales.gov.uk/publications/accessinfo/drnewhomepage/dr2012/octdec/enviro/jg3800/?lang=en>

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My officials are working with colleagues in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to finalise the domestic legislation which is scheduled for implementation in May.

A number of changes are being made as result of the responses that were received to the consultation. These include –

- A simplified method of application and assessment for first time applicant of a Certificate of Competence;
- A simplified method for issuing existing licence holders with a Certificate of Competence;

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- The retention of all existing National Rules in place that provide greater animal welfare protection than EU Regulation 1099/2009.

I have responded to the Committee about CCTV in slaughterhouses separately. The subject of non-stun method of slaughter is a matter that will be considered once the EU Regulation has been fully implemented.

Youn,

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