# Implementation of Bovine Electronic Identification (Bovine EID) in Wales

## Consultation Response Form

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**Question 1**

Do you support the mandatory implementation of Bovine EID for newborn calves in Wales?

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| Yes | [x]  | No | [ ]  | Don’t know | [ ]  |

**Supporting comments**

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| The Welsh Animal Health Panel supports the mandatory implementation of Bovine EID for newborn calves. We believe this will enhance traceability, improve disease control, and align Wales with international best practices. EID offers significant benefits in terms of data accuracy, efficiency in livestock management, and responsiveness during disease outbreaks. However, we recommend a phased implementation with adequate support and training for farmers to ensure a smooth transition. |

**Question 2**

Do you have any comments or concerns on using Low Frequency (LF) technology for implementing Bovine EID in Wales?

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| While LF technology is widely used and cost-effective, we encourage the Welsh Government to consider the long-term benefits of Ultra High Frequency (UHF) technology, which offers greater read range and data capacity. A dual-technology approach or future-proofing the system to allow for UHF integration could be beneficial. Additionally, clear guidance and technical support will be essential to ensure consistent and reliable use of LF systems across diverse farm environments. |

**Question 3**

Do you have any additional views on cattle identification and traceability in Wales?

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| We support a fully integrated digital traceability system that links EID data with movement records, veterinary treatments, and disease surveillance. This would improve biosecurity and also reduce administrative burdens on farmers. Ensuring it works with UK-wide and EU systems is also critical for trade and regulatory compliance. |

**Question 4**

We have asked several specific questions on Bovine EID in this consultation but if you have any related feedback on cattle identification in Wales, please provide your comments below:

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| * Continued stakeholder engagement throughout the process.
* Financial support or incentives for early adopters.
* Development of mobile-friendly tools for on-farm data.
* Consider small-scale and upland farms in policy design to ensure inclusivity.
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**Question 5**

Which of the following best describes you as a respondent?

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| Beef suckler herd | [ ]  | Abattoir | [ ]  |
| Beef rearer or finisher | [ ]  | Fallen stock | [ ]  |
| Dairy herd  | [ ]  | Farming Union | [ ]  |
| Mixed herd | [ ]  | Haulier | [ ]  |
| Pedigree herd | [ ]  | Ear tag supplier | [ ]  |
| Market | [ ]  | Other (please specify) | [x]  |

**Question 6**

What, in your opinion, would be the likely effects of the implementation of Bovine EID in Wales on the Welsh language?  We are particularly interested in any likely effects on opportunities to use the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English.

1. Do you think that there are opportunities to promote any positive effects?
2. Do you think that there are opportunities to mitigate any adverse effects?

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**Question 7**

In your opinion, could the implementation of Bovine EID in Wales be formulated or changed so as to:

1. have positive effects or more positive effects on using the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English; or
2. mitigate any negative effects on using the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English?

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***Thank you for taking the time to read our consultation and complete a consultation response***.