Defra Consultation on Improvements to Equine Identification and Traceability in England

EQUINE IDENTIFICATION AND MOVEMENT TEAM

Overview

- Open for 12 weeks from 5th April to **28th June** 2022
- To date, 338 responses
- Responses from:
  - Equestrian centres / riding schools / livery yards
  - Breeders
  - Vets
  - Breed, welfare and general equine societies / organisations
  - Private horse owners, including members of BHS, BS, BD, BE
  - Professional riders
  - Riding clubs / Pony Club branches
  - Passport Issuing Organisations
  - Transporters
  - Local Authorities and Trading Standards

Top Tips

- If intending to submit a response and haven't done so yet:
  - On the home page for the online questionnaire, there is a PDF of the consultation document. This explains the context behind each question. If unsure what a question means, or what an acronym stands for, check the PDF.
  - Note duplication of a question on the online questionnaire

    (q8 and 9 / q10 and 11).
  - Explaining your answers in the free text box is incredibly helpful for our analysis.
  - The consultation is long, but we are covering a broad range of subjects linked to equine ID and traceability to ensure a complete picture and to cover the range of interests across the equine sector.
  - The questions are worded as they are in order to mitigate bias in answers.

Next Steps

▶ Now to Tuesday 28th June : await final responses

▶ Wednesday 29th June onwards : analysis of results, qualitative and quantitative

▶ By end of September 2022 : publish consultation results and government response report

▶ In parallel, start to implement reform:

　　▶ Publishing new guidance for industry

　　▶ Establishing areas requiring legislative change to the Equine Identification Regulations (England) 2018

▶ **Further engagement with our key stakeholders i.e. BHC, OVs, semi-wild forum, PIOs, transporters throughout the process**

There is still time…

- Consultation closes on Tuesday next week

- **https://consult.defra.gov.uk/equine-id-and-movement/improvements-to-equine-id-and-traceability-in-engl/**