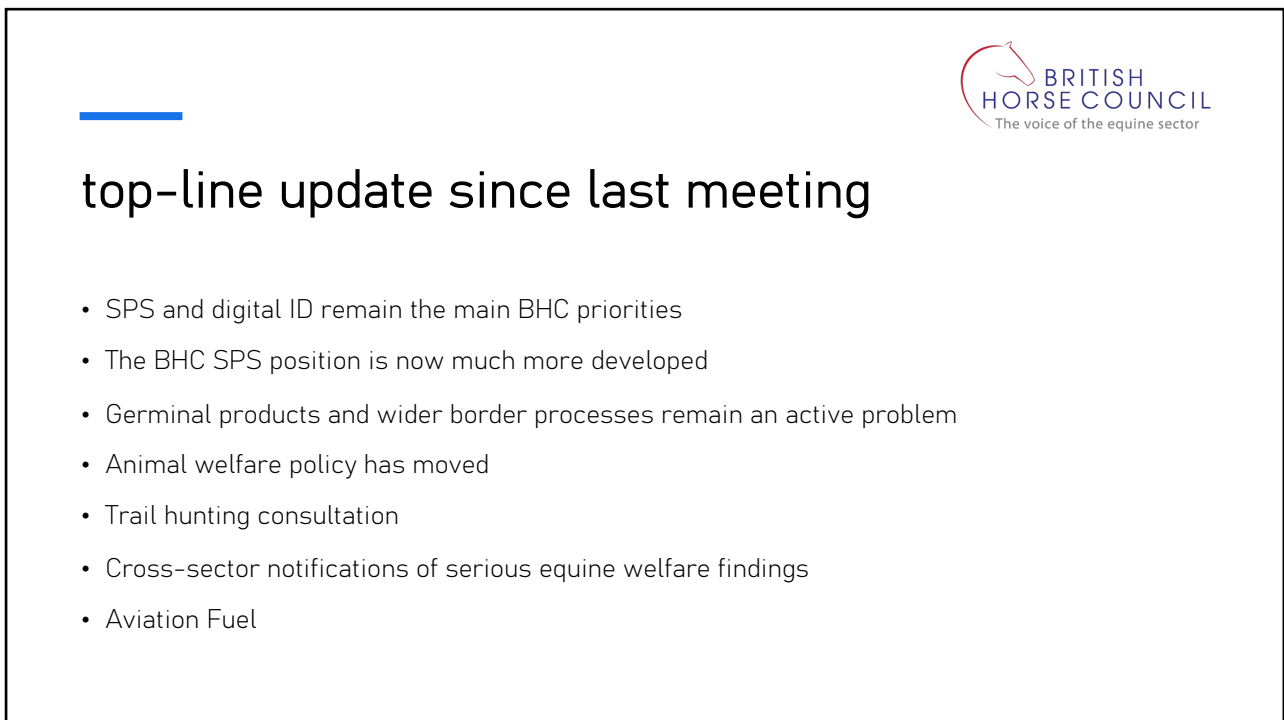




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Veterinary Surgeons Act (VSA) reform

- Broad support for modernising the outdated 1966 Act and improving accountability
- Backing for regulation of veterinary businesses and the wider veterinary team
- Key ask: make it workable
 - clarity on roles, delegation and scope
 - proportionate regulation with practical implementation
- Current position:
 - Consultation closed (March 2026)
 - Political support across Parliament
 - Awaiting Government response and legislative next steps

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7 years: where are we?

- Strong cross-sector relationships and routine dialogue
- Recognition of BHC as a government-facing sector route
- Clear evidence base on equine ID and traceability
- Joined-up arguments on welfare, disease, trade and enforcement
- Disciplined asks of ministers and officials

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why the sector matters

- £9bn annual economic contribution
- Approximately 250,000 people employed
- Around 18,000 equestrian businesses
- Over £0.5bn in overseas trade
- Sport, leisure, wellbeing, tourism, education and rural community value

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things we must keep pushing

- Secure a clear government route for digital ID
 - Keep the industry aligned around a realistic MVP for ID & traceability
 - Use disease resilience as a central argument
- Keep making the positive case for horses in modern society
- Keep banging the drum on why the sector matters

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thank you

- Progress requires people staying engaged
- The sector is better heard when it is clear, practical and broadly aligned
- Thank you for seven years of support, challenge and persistence