

To: Interested parties (listed below)

21st November 2016

Dear Sir / Madam

CONSULTATION: WILD GAME GUIDANCE

Date launched:	21 November 2016	Closing date:	13 February 2017
Action requested: The Food Standards Agency (FSA) would like to invite comments from Interested parties prior to finalisation.			

I am writing to inform you that the FSA is undertaking a complete revision of its Wild Game Guidance (WGG) document; the last full revision of the WGG took place in 2014 with an update issued in November 2015.

The guidance is intended for use by all interested parties including those who shoot and/or supply wild game and retailers and processors of game meat. The WGG is also designed to help food law enforcement officers carrying out their enforcement duties. A similar letter has been issued to local authorities to seek their comments on the WGG.

In order to assist with this review, the FSA would like to invite your comments prior to finalisation.

<http://food.gov.uk/news-updates/help-shape-our-policies/views-wanted-on-the-food-standards-agencys-wild-game-guide>
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By way of background, following a meeting of the South West Illegal Meat Group we received a number of detailed comments/questions/suggestions on the content/layout of the WGG.

The purpose of this consultation exercise is to now seek the views of interested parties (and other food law enforcement bodies across the UK). The comments provided by the SW Illegal Meat Group have been collated and will be considered alongside any comments received as part of this consultation exercise. Once further comments have been received, collated, considered and accepted they will be integrated into the final version of the WGG document; which will ultimately be published on the Agency's website.

During our review we have not identified any major impacts to industry and consequently not produced an impact assessment as the changes are largely for the



purposes of updating references and clarification of advice. However, you are invited to comment on the guidance document prior to the final version being published on our website, in particular if you consider that there will be any potential impacts arising from the revisions made. I would be very grateful if you could send comments to me by **13 February 2017** at the following email address: raj.pal@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

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INTERESTED PARTIES LIST

British Association for Shooting and Conservation - www.basc.org.uk

Countryside Alliance – countryside-alliance.org

Deer Management Qualifications – www.dmq.org.uk

Federation of Associations for Country Sports in Europe (FACE-UK) (May be contacted by e-mail) - Conor.Ogorman@basc.org.uk

National Gamekeepers' Organisation - www.nationalgamekeepers.org.uk

National Game Dealers' Association c/o Pollard Farm, Clanville, Andover, Hampshire SP11 9JE – www.hampshiregame.co.uk

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons – www.rcvs.org.uk

The British Deer Society – www.bds.org.uk

The Deer Initiative (For Best Practice guides on all aspects of wild deer management including meat hygiene) - www.thedeerinitiative.co.uk

British Veterinary Association (BVA) bvahq@bva.co.uk