

## Questions Ahead of 16 September 2020 Board Meeting

### Question 1

From Katie Doherty, CEO, The International Meat Trade Association:

“The industry is really struggling with the lack of clear guidance with regard to the health and ID mark from 1<sup>st</sup> of January. We understand that the agency is working to get that clarity but this is absolutely urgent and companies need to know what the situation is for the UK market, the EU market and for non-EU markets. We have less than 3 and a half months till the end of the year and if companies need to approach their packaging providers to change their packaging then there really is not much time. When can the FSA give the industry the clarity it requires?”

Our response was:

We would like to apologise for the delay in publishing FSA guidance on health and identification mark and would assure you that we are working very hard with other Government Departments to understand the implications of the Withdrawal Agreement and to publish the guidance. We understand the urgency that industry require this information and as soon as it is published, the M4 group, hosted by Defra and the FSA which IMTA participate in, along with other industries bodies representing the meat sector will be notified.

### Question 2

From Hayley Atkin, Policy Officer, British Veterinary Association:

“We would be grateful if the FSA board could provide an update on the uptake of the voluntary funding scheme to install CCTV in slaughterhouses in Wales and comment on next steps?”

Our response was:

We received your question below, however, the subject of the question is one for Welsh Government rather than the FSA Board, as the scheme is run by Welsh Government not the FSA, and so I will pass your question on to officials in the WG to respond to.