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Dear Sir/Madam

Central Equine Database: Update

At the National Equine Forum on 8 March, Lord Gardiner announced for Defra that the Central Equine Database is now fully operational for all Passport Issuing Organisations, Local Authorities (LAs) and the Food Standards Agency (FSA). The Police Services may also request access in future. This followed a very busy period with PIOs and our supplier Equine Register Ltd working closely together to prepare and submit records to the live environment and I would like to thank all of you who worked hard to achieve this.

There are now over 1 million records on the CED, comprising both live and deceased horses. A small number of records remain to be on-boarded due to exceptional circumstances but are expected to be imported shortly.

Notification emails to PIOs

Please be aware that whenever the FSA enter a slaughter date for an equine onto the CED, CED will automatically generate and send on the same day a notification email to the PIO that first issued the passport or to the last PIO that updated the passport if that is the case. This email will inform the PIO of the UELN of the slaughtered equine and date of slaughter, so that you can update the records on your own database.

Testing is also underway to deliver a PIO daily modification email that will be generated whenever a PIO amends the record of an equine originally added to the CED by another PIO. We expect this facility to be up and running soon.

Privacy Notice

For your information, I enclose a copy of Defra's current privacy Notice which sets out how personal data supplied by equine owners is used by Defra as a Data Controller. It will be made available shortly on the log-on page of CED (Under "Data Processing"). In addition, the two official PIO lists held on Gov.UK will tell horse owners who to contact in Defra if they want more information about how we use their data. Our Notice will be updated in due course to take account of the GDPR.

As you will be aware, the Minimum Operating Standards require PIOs to act in accordance with Data Protection legislation and so you should ensure you have up-to-date information on your own website.

Yours sincerely

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