Welsh Government

Mandatory Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Slaughterhouses

**Consultation response form**

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

e-mail/telephone number:

Your address:

It would be helpful for our analysis if you could indicate which of the sectors you most align yourself/your organisation with for the purpose of this consultation (*please tick ONE which is MOST APPLICABLE to you*):

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| Food Business Operator | [ ]  | Veterinary Profession | [ ]  |
| Livestock Industry | [ ]  | Animal Welfare Organisation | [ ]  |
| Meat Industry | [ ]  | Animal Welfare Enforcement  | [ ]  |
| Retailer | [ ]  | Member of the General Public | [ ]  |

**Consultation Questions**

**Enhanced Animal Welfare Provision**

**Question 1:** We have made a commitment to require CCTV in all slaughterhouses. Do you agree CCTV cameras should be installed in all approved slaughterhouses in areas where live animals are present, including areas where animals are unloaded, kept, handled, stunned and killed?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please give reasons for your response.

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**Question 2:** Do you agree with the benefits to animal welfare we have identified from requiring CCTV in all slaughterhouses?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please tell us about any other potential benefits to animal welfare.

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**Enhanced Animal Welfare Enforcement**

**Question 3:** Do you agree with the proposed requirement for slaughterhouse operators to retain CCTV footage for 90 days?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please give reasons for your response.

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**Question 4:** Do you agree there should be unrestricted access to authorised persons to view (in real time and stored), copy or seize recorded images?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please give reasons for your response.

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**Cost to Businesses**

We have prepared a Regulatory Impact Assessment to assess the financial and practical impacts of our proposals for all affected parties including industry and the public sector (Annex 1).

**Question 5:** Do you agree with our assessment of the cost of mandatory CCTV to (a) individual slaughterhouses and (b) to the Welsh slaughter industry as a whole?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please provide evidence to support your response.

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**Question 6:** Do you consider that the costs of introducing mandatory CCTV in slaughterhouses are reasonable and proportionate for individual businesses, irrespective of size?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please provide evidence to support your response.

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**Question 7:** Are there any other economic benefits or costs not mentioned in the consultation document or Regulatory Impact Assessment?

Please explain what these might be and provide evidence to support your response.

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**Question 8:** Are you content for the Welsh Government to contact you for further clarification of the financial impacts that you have estimated?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**Welsh Language**

**Question 9:** Please consider and outline the effects (whether positive or adverse) that our proposal to require CCTV in all slaughterhouses would have on:

* Opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
* How the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would have positive effects or increased positive effects.
* Opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
* How the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

**Additional Information**

**Question 14:** We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please let us know.

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**Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:** [ ]