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## **Consultation on The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2016**

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the consultation.

AHDB Pork supports the consolidation of the various different amendments into one concise regulation, as this provides more simplified instruction to industry.

The incorporation of a new trichinella testing method that removes the need to handle toxic chemicals (pepsin powder and hydrochloric acid) will improve the safety of those involved in the testing. This type of innovation is supported by AHDB. We recognise that before any change in testing is implemented, updated SOP's should be provided to the Official Veterinary at the plant, and AHDB have taken steps to inform industry on this matter.

*If you have any technical queries in relation to this response please, in the first instance, direct them to Emma Bailey-Beech, Health Information & Food Safety Coordinator, AHDB Pork. T: 0247 647 8802 M: 0777 292 9898*

Kind Regards

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