



## APHA Briefing Note 11/15

### Consultation on revised and new charges for services provided by APHA

#### Purpose

To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) that APHA has today opened public consultations on proposals to amend charges for some services provided by the agency, and introduce charges for some other APHA services in England, Scotland and Wales.

Two online consultations have been opened at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/>. The first concerns revisions to existing charges and the second concerns the introduction of new charges. Both consultations will be open for six weeks. APHA encourages OVs to participate in the consultations and contribute their views.

#### Background

The proposals aim to reduce taxpayer subsidy of APHA services by transferring some of the costs to those who benefit from the services. Preliminary discussions with stakeholders provided an opportunity for informal feedback and the online consultations now provide an opportunity for OVs, livestock keepers and others to comment and share their views.

The first consultation is about revising existing charges for the following services:

- Poultry Health Scheme
- Salmonella National Control Programme
- Border Inspection Posts
- approval of bovine and porcine semen collection centres and artificial breeding

The second consultation is about introducing new charges for the following services:

- approval and registration of animal by-products sites
- approval of animal gatherings
- administration of pet passports

APHA welcomes questions or feedback from OVs, which should be addressed to:  
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