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Mr Chris Tinning
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Dear Mr Tinning

Regulation Impact Statement – Second-Pass Final Assessment – Live Sheep Exports to, or through the Middle East Northern Hemisphere Summer

Thank you for submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) examining Live Sheep exported to, or through the Middle East during the Northern Hemisphere Summer for second-pass final assessment on 18 March 2020.

I would like to particularly acknowledge your Department's close engagement with us to progress the RIS to this point.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements. However, the RIS is not consistent with best practice as it was not able to clearly identify the option with the highest net benefit. In part, this is due to the challenge of framing the issue as responding to the risk to exports of live sheep to the Middle East being constrained when the likelihood of the risk is not a certainty. The RIS may now be provided to the Minister to inform the final decision.

We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision on this proposal has been announced and forwarding us a copy of the RIS in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OBPR's reference number for this matter is **23822**.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Lange', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jason Lange
Executive Director
Office of Best Practice Regulation
20 March 2020