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To: Directors of Public Protection

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Dear Director

**Minced Meat: Number of days between slaughter and the mincing of chilled meat**

I am writing to let you know that we have recently written on the above subject to food business operators in Wales to seek more information on the circumstances in which the current legislative requirements regarding the number of days between slaughtering and the mincing of chilled meat should be adapted – a copy of the letter is attached. Since this subject will be of relevance to all businesses that produce minced meat for the wholesale market I would be grateful if you could circulate this to any minced meat premises approved by your department. You may also be interested to see a copy of a letter we sent on 13 February to the Red, White and Game Meat Working Groups of the Meat Hygiene Policy Forum and copies to members of the Meat Hygiene Policy Forum on the same subject (copy also attached) that gives more detail about why we are seeking this information and the sort of information we are asking for.

If you or your local businesses have any information to contribute or any comments or suggestions, I would be grateful if you send them to me by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Thank you for your assistance

Yours sincerely,



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