Trade and Agriculture Commission Call for Evidence - CPTPP

The UK recently signed the texts for the UK’s accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

The UK is the first new signatory since the agreement was first finalised, and CPTPP will now have 12 members: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam, as well as the UK.

Following signature, the Secretary of State wrote to the Trade and Agriculture Commission (TAC) to ask us to begin our work to scrutinise the deal, with a view to publishing a report in the coming months. The report will be laid in Parliament and also inform the Government’s own report on the impact of the agreement on certain domestic statutory standards.

The TAC will be looking at the impact of the deal on UK standards in three specific areas:
- Animal and plant life and health;
- Animal welfare; and
- The environment.

In order to make our work as comprehensive as possible, we have launched a Call for Evidence, and wish to invite you to submit written evidence on what the BVA perceives to be the impact of the agreement on UK animal health and welfare standards by 15 August 2023.

The TAC previously delivered its advice on the Australia and New Zealand FTAs respectively, and we would also welcome any feedback you may have on these. You will find them on GOV.UK.

Your submission may be cited by the TAC in its advice, unless the submitting entity expressly requests that its submission, or parts of its submission, are to be treated as confidential. The TAC has full discretion to decide on the relevance of submissions. Submissions filed after the closing date will not be considered.