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## **PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE ROLE OF QUALITY MEAT SCOTLAND**

As a respondent to the consultation paper issued in April this year, I am writing to let you know the outcome of the consultation exercise.

The analysis has now been completed, a copy of which is attached.

There was a good level of support for the proposals which formed the basis of the consultation paper. We are, therefore, proceeding to put before Parliament secondary legislation that will provide the framework for developing the role of QMS. It is envisaged that the proposals will be fully implemented by 1 April 2003.

As summarised in the conclusion to the analysis, a number of specific issues and suggestions were put forward by respondents. We welcome these contributions and will be putting the points raised to QMS as we seek to enable it to best serve the interests of the whole Scottish red meat chain.

I would like to thank you for your contribution.

Simon Hodge