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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal for a future policy approach: *Agrilus bilineatus*, (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

I am writing to seek your views on a future policy approach for *Agrilus bilineatus* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae), two-lined chestnut borer, taking account of conclusions from an EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation) Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) for *A. bilineatus* (prepared September 2019). A summary of EPPO's findings and their relevance to the UK is enclosed. A link to the EPPO PRA can be found at the webpage given below:

<https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/AGRLBL/documents>

We would welcome your views and comments on the proposals for future action.

In submitting any comments you may wish to focus on the summary and conclusions of the EPPO PRA summarised in the accompanying document, and to consider the following:

- Are any factual corrections required?
- Your view on the appropriateness of the suggested proposals for future actions?
- Can you provide any additional information (or links to other sources of information) that may help address uncertainty identified in the assessment/management measures?
- Are there any risks that have not been adequately considered?
- Have you reviewed the risk assessment and consider that you have nothing further to add?

This proposal applies to the UK and is being conducted by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, with the agreement of the Scottish Government,

Welsh Assembly Government and Northern Ireland Government. The objective is to gather views from all interested sectors on the UK position to progress. We will take all comments made into account in finalising the UK position.

Comments to be submitted by:

All responses should be sent to plantpestrisks@defra.gsi.gov.uk by the **26/06/2020**. In your response could you state:

- Whether you agree with the recommended approach
- If not, what your preferred position would be and why

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be made available to the public on request, in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental information Regulations 2004 (EIRs)

If you do not wish your response, including your name, contact details and any other personal information, to be publically available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note that if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, this will not count as a confidentiality request. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for the information under freedom of information legislation. However, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

Yours sincerely,

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