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**Our ref RFI 3264**  
**Date 12 April 2010**

Dear Steve Elibank

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: SHECHITA UK**

Thank you for your request for information about Shechita UK's response to the Government's draft response to the Farm Animal Welfare Council report on the welfare of red meat animals at slaughter, which we received on 26 March. We are dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose a copy of the information you requested:

- Shechita UK's letter of 24 June 2004 enclosing the formal response of the Jewish Community to the Government's Draft Response to the Farm Animal Welfare Council Report on the Welfare of Farmed Animals at Slaughter or Killing, Part 1: Red Meat Animals.

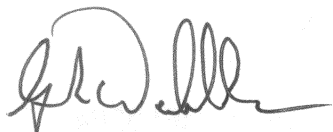
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Webdale', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Geoff Webdale  
Animal Welfare Team

## **Annex A**

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