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USE OF BOVINE OFFAL IN COSMETICS - BSE

1. I refer to your minute of 26 January 1990 on this topic and my telephone conversation of today.

2. Following discussions here, we are content that the draft letter will be reworded, as follows:-

Paragraph 1 - to be unchanged

Paragraph 2 - Reference to the use of cattle aged under 6 months is deleted.

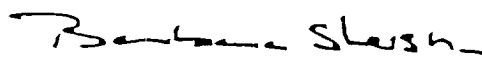
Paragraph 3 - Will be replaced by the following:-

"We accept that the risk of transmission is very remote, but believe that it would be prudent to eliminate any risk from BSE, either by reformulating, so that the products do not contain any extracts of bovine offal, or if incorporation of bovine extracts is retained, material derived from cattle reared outside the UK, Eire and Channel Islands should be used."

4. Should problems arise about stating Eire, then the alternative could be "cattle reared outside the UK and from countries known to be free from BSE." As you are aware, our preference is towards material from Australasia.

5. We are content that the briefing notes used will be those prepared by Dr Pickles.

6. We may reassess topical preparations in general and with specific relationship to human medicinal products before our next BSE Working Group meeting which is due to be held on 4 July 1990 at 2pm at Market Towers and will let you have an agenda and papers, in case you wish to send an observer along.



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