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Dear Sir or Madam

APPLICATION TO REGISTER THE NAME 'EAST KENT GOLDINGS' AS A PROTECTED DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN (PDO) PRODUCT UNDER THE EU PROTECTED FOOD NAME (PFN) SCHEME

I am writing to inform you that following the initial assessment and national consultation carried out by our colleagues at ADAS, we have concluded the final assessment at national level of the application to protect East Kent Goldings as a PDO. Details of the specification can be found on the [Defra PFN Website](#) .

We have found the application to meet the relevant criteria specified under Council Regulation (EC) No. 510/2006, and will shortly be arranging for the application to be submitted to the European Commission.

In compliance with Article 5.5 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 510/2006 we are required to inform interested parties within the UK of this decision, and to provide a final opportunity for them to comment.

I would be grateful if you could let me have any comments by 30 January 2012.

Yours faithfully

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