Comments submitted by: DRE Pest Control Ltd, UK

Dear Sirs

I run a small pest control company, based in Cambridgeshire, England. We have approximately 400 contract customers, of which 80% are agricultural, of which 50% are small farmers who are not on an agricultural scheme and therefore do not abide by their stringent regulations.

If there were to be the removal of Anticoagulants, this would not only affect my business, but also the livelihoods of the farmers which we currently look after

By banning Anticoagulants, all our lives would be impossible to continue. Our small farmers could not afford to proof their buildings against rodent infestations, would have to charge more to control the rodents in other ways, which the farmer would not be able to afford, therefore they would not be able to sell their produce due to public health concerns and subsequently go out of business

As with our other contracts and domestic customers, the ban on Rodenticides would again affect us all severely. Domestic customers would no longer be able to afford for a professional to visit, they would attempt to control the rodents themselves ineffectually and again the rodent population would increase causing public health issues.

If there was an affordable, effective substitute to Anticoagulants, we would be happy to use them. As professionals who belong to the BPCA and in all aspects comply with EN16636, we use anticoagulants responsibly and as little as possible in order to reduce the risk to humans and non target species.

Therefore, I would urge you to keep anticoagulants until a viable alternative is found for the health and wellbeing of the general population and the environment

Yours Sincerely,

DRE Pest Control Ltd