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ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-Natural Areas)
(Wales) Regulations 2002 SI 2002 No. 2127 (W.214)

In implementation of Council Directives, these regulations introduce a requirement for environmental impact assessment in respect of projects involving the use of uncultivated land or semi-natural areas for intensive agricultural purposes. This is applied to projects which do not require planning permission and which are not otherwise covered under the environmental impact requirements which apply to forestry and land drainage.

Standing Order 11.5

Having had the opportunity of looking at an early draft of the English text of these regulations, the legal advisers to the Committee have been able to identify a number of points which have now been taken into account. Accordingly, no points are now identified in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention.

Observations

Regulation 6

Accepting that the interpretation of the regulations is not in any way compromised it is noted that the wording "in accordance with regulation 13" which appears in the English text is not reciprocated in the Welsh text.

Schedule 3, paragraph 4

The words "or completed" do not seem relevant since it seems implicit in the wording of Regulation 14 that it only applies where the project remains to be carried out or completed.

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