



Ein cyf/Our ref – MA/LG/1273/20

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Dear Elin,

The Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) (Wales) Regulations 2020 were made on 28 April under powers conferred by Articles 69(1) and 70(4) of Regulation (EU) No.1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy (“Regulation (EU) No. 1307/2013”). The Regulations come into force on 30 April 2020.

I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, which I intend to lay once the statutory instrument has been registered.

In accordance with Article 71A(3) of Regulation (EU) No. 1307/2013, this instrument must be laid before and approved by the Senedd for Wales by 1 June 2020 in order for it to remain in effect. In these circumstances I understand Standing Order 21.4A is relevant and the Business Committee may establish and publish a timetable for the responsible committee or committees to report. It may be helpful to know that I intend to hold the plenary debate for this item of subordinate legislation on 20 May 2020.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, Mick Antoniw AM, Chair of the Legislative, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Service and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lesley', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

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Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd, Ynni a Materion Gwledig
Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs