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Dear Mick,

### **UK Wide Statutory Instrument – Direct Payments to Farmers (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

I am writing to notify you that UK Government has made the above Statutory Instrument (SI) under powers set out in the Direct Payment for Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 ('the DPLC Act').

The DPLC Act incorporated the EU legislation governing the 2020 Common Agricultural Policy Direct Payment schemes into domestic law on Exit Day. This was due to the fact that Article 137 of the Withdrawal Agreement disapplied the Direct Payments Regulation for the UK for claim year 2020 from Exit Day.

Two SIs, which came into force on 31 January 2020, made amendments to the DPLC Act to make it operable in the UK. These were the Financing, Management and Monitoring of Direct Payments (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI. 2020/90) and the Rules for Direct Payments to Farmers (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI. 2020/91)

This SI makes further operability amendments relating to issues arising from the UK's exit from the EU that were not fully dealt with at the time. It also specifies the methodology for setting the Euro to Sterling exchange rate to be used to calculate farmers' 2020 Direct Payments.

This instrument is made subject to the made affirmative procedure.

This SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of amendments are available here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/576/contents/made>

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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The Welsh Ministers have provided consent for the UK Government to make these amendments in relation to, and on behalf of, Wales for reasons of efficiency, expediency and due to the technical nature of the amendments. The amendments have been considered fully; and there is no divergence in policy. These amendments ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK's exit from the EU.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition and the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans." The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**  
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd  
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